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BRAVE NEW WORLD

with new problems... and new threats for

SONIC
THE HEDGEHOGTM

and his friends!

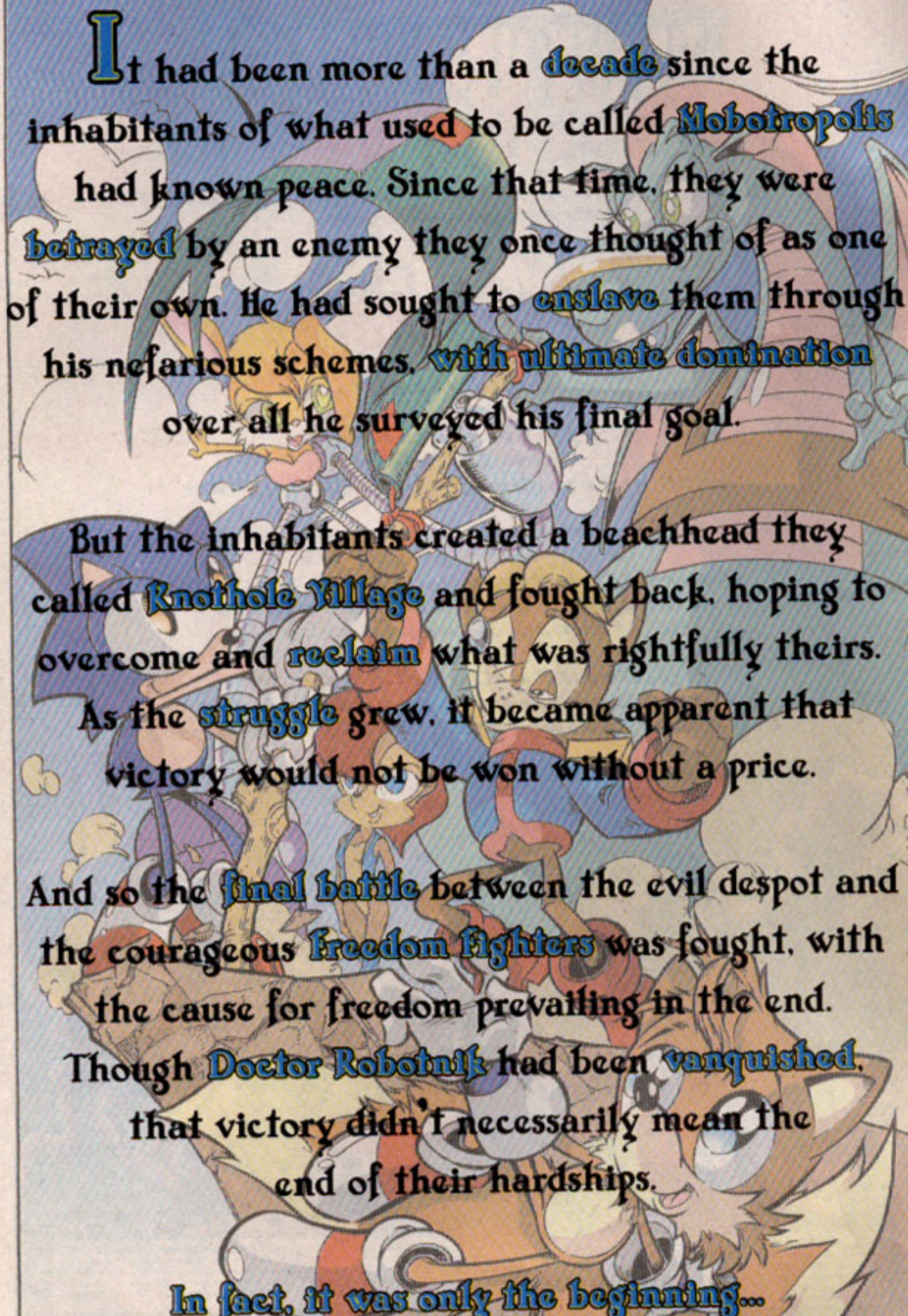
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It had been more than a **decade** since the inhabitants of what used to be called **Mobotropolis** had known peace. Since that time, they were **betrayed** by an enemy they once thought of as one of their own. He had sought to **enslave** them through his nefarious schemes, **with ultimate domination** over all he surveyed his final goal.

But the inhabitants created a beachhead they called **Knothole Village** and fought back, hoping to overcome and **reclaim** what was rightfully theirs.

As the **struggle** grew, it became apparent that victory would not be won without a price.

And so the **final battle** between the evil despot and the courageous **Freedom Fighters** was fought, with the cause for freedom prevailing in the end.

Though **Doctor Robotnik** had been **vanquished**, that victory didn't necessarily mean the end of their hardships.

In fact, it was only the beginning...

MAXWELL/HARVO

THIS IS THE
PLANET *MOBIUS*.
A WORLD FULL OF
INCREDIBLE
WONDERS AND
SURPRISES...

AND OF ALL WHO DWELLED
UPON ITS SURFACE, NONE
WERE MORE RENOWNED
THAN THOSE WHO LIVED IN
THE FABLED CITY OF
MOBOTROPOLIS...

... WHICH WAS GOVERNED
BY THE BENEVOLENT AND
MUCH BELOVED *KING*
AND *QUEEN ACORN*.

THEIR DAUGHTER *SALLY* PROVIDED
A SHINING BEACON OF HOPE FOR
THE *NEXT GENERATION*!

UNFORTUNATELY,
THERE WERE THOSE
WHO WOULD WAGE
WAR AGAINST THE
KINGDOM FOR
THEIR OWN *SELF-
ISH* PURPOSES.

IT WAS DURING
THE WAR AGAINST
THE *OVERLANDERS*
THAT *QUEEN ACORN*
MYSTERIOUSLY BE-
CAME A CASUALTY,
HER TRUE FATE
UNKNOWN.

THE KING'S FORCES, LED BY THE *WARLORD JULIAN*, MAN-
AGED TO OVERCOME AND PRESERVE THE KINGDOM...

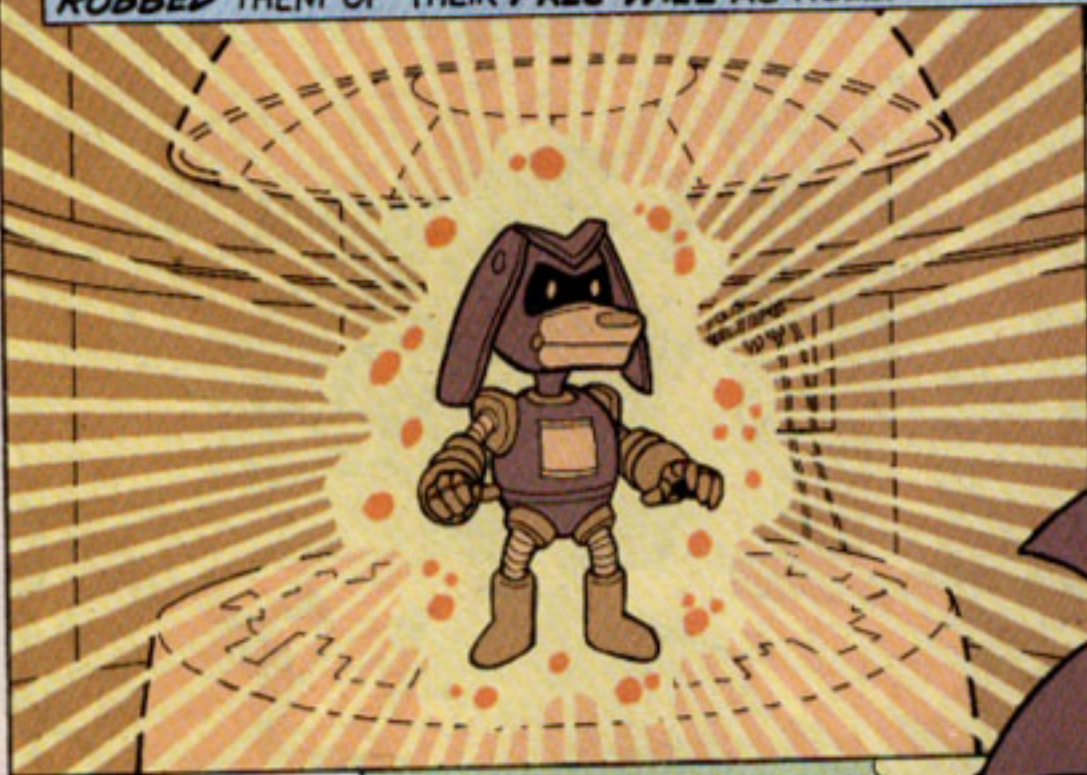
HOWEVER, WARLORD JULIAN HAD PLANS OF HIS OWN.

THUS, RENOUNCING HIS HERITAGE, HE ADOPTED THE NAME OF **ROBOTNIK**--

WITH THE KING OUT OF THE WAY, **ROBOTNIK** UTILIZED HIS ARMY OF **SWATBOTS** TO APPREHEND THE CITIZENS OF THE NOW RECHRISTENED **ROBOTROPOLIS**--

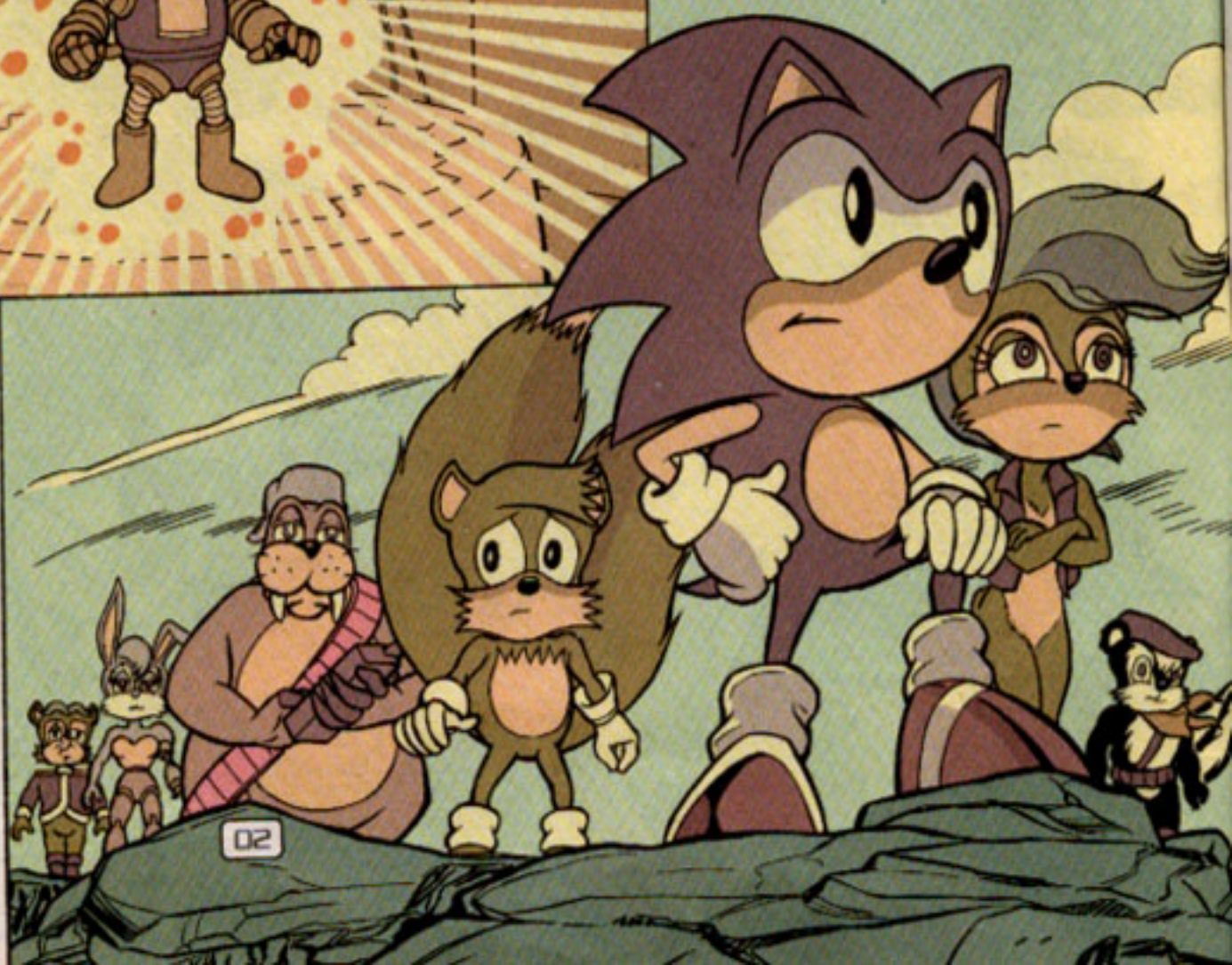
--AND BANISHED KING ACORN INTO THE **ZONE OF SILENCE**!

--UPON WHICH THEY WERE SUBJECTED TO THE **ROBOTICIZATION** PROCESS, WHICH NOT ONLY TRANSFORMED THEM FROM FUR AND BLOOD TO METAL AND CIRCUITS, BUT ALSO **ROBBED** THEM OF THEIR **FREE WILL** AS WELL!



ALL WAS NOT LOST, AS CHAMPIONS AROSE, SUCH AS **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG** AND HIS FELLOW **FREEDOM FIGHTERS**, TO FIGHT THE EVIL SCHEMES OF THE **MAD DICTATOR**--

--EVENTUALLY OVERCOMING **IMPOSSIBLE** ODDS AND **OVERWHELMING** FORCES!



ROBOTNIK HAS BEEN VANQUISHED.

WHAT REMAINS TO BE DETERMINED--

-- IS AT WHAT PRICE.

NOW THAT *VICTORY* HAS
SINCE BEEN CLAIMED--

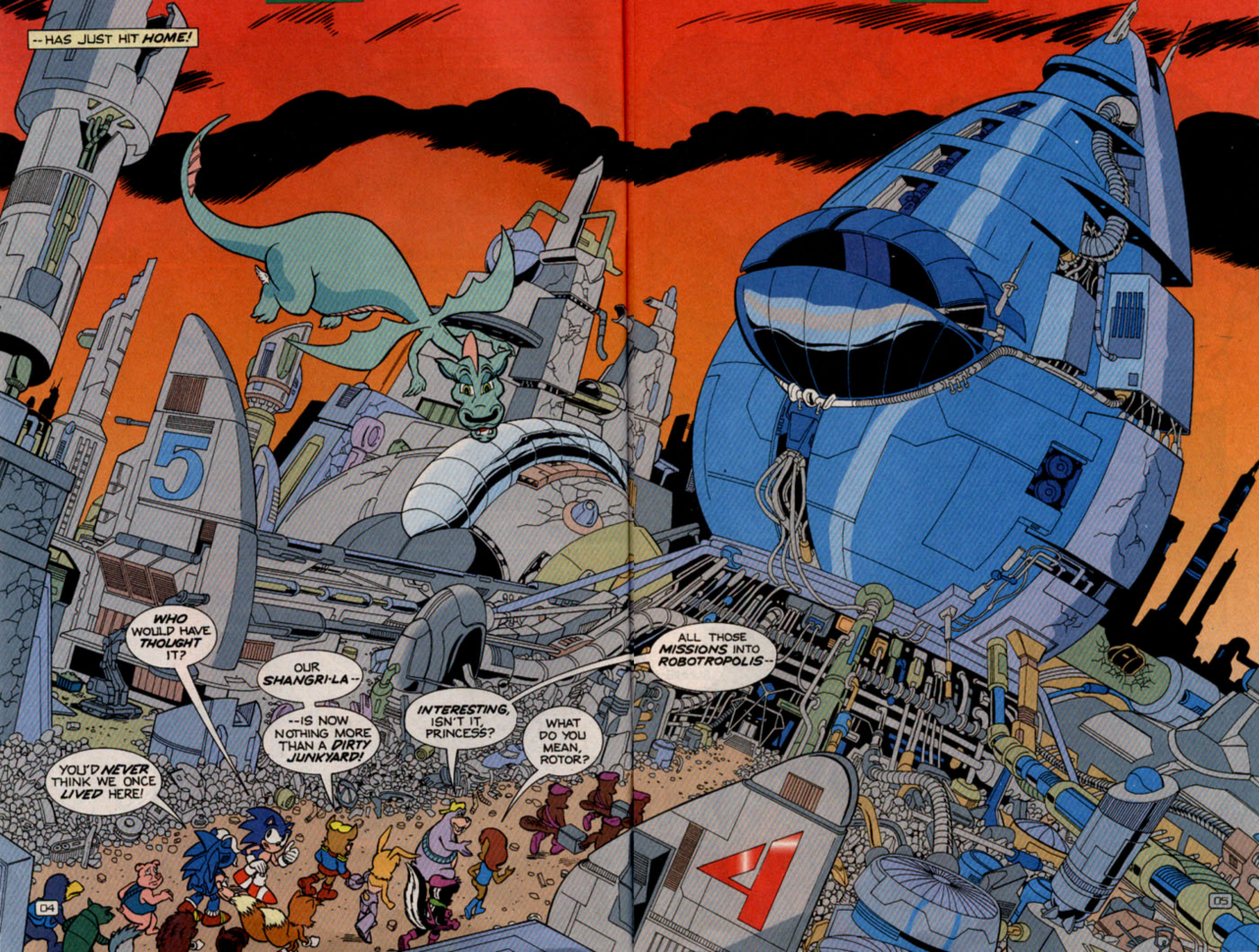
-- AND *CELEBRATIONS*
REVELLING THE ACHIEVE-
MENT NOW COMPLETE--

REALITY HAS SET IN.

THE *MAGNITUDE* OF THE TASK THAT LIES AHEAD--

UNBELIEVABLE!

-- HAS JUST HIT HOME!



WHO
WOULD HAVE
THOUGHT
IT?

OUR
SHANGRI-LA--

--IS NOW
NOTHING MORE
THAN A DIRTY
JUNKYARD!

INTERESTING,
ISN'T IT,
PRINCESS?

WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN,
ROTOR?

ALL THOSE
MISSIONS INTO
ROBOTROPOLIS--

YOU'D NEVER
THINK WE ONCE
LIVED HERE!

--AND YET WE NEVER REALLY CONTEMPLATED THE *SIGNIFICANCE* OF ROBOTNIK'S ACTIONS ON A *PERSONAL* LEVEL!

THE *MISSION* ALWAYS COMES *FIRST*, MATE!

I'M AFRAID GEOFFREY'S *RIGHT*, ROTOR!

ONCE AGAIN--

--THE *MISSION*--ALONG WITH THE *GREATER* GOOD--COMES *BEFORE* ALL ELSE!

NO MATTER HOW MUCH THE *SIGHT* OF ALL THIS *AFFECTS* US PERSONALLY--

--WE MUST PUT ASIDE OUR FEELINGS AND *CONCENTRATE* ON THE TASK AT HAND!

STARTING *HERE*--AT THE *PALACE*--

NOTHING THAT SOME *LIGHTS* AND A *PAINT JOB* CAN'T *CURE*, SUGAH!

I HATE TO SAY IT, BUNNIE--

REAL SPOOKY!

-- BUT THIS PLACE NEEDS MORE THAN JUST BASIC INTERIOR DECORATING 101!

WOW!

SO THAT'S WHERE THE HEAD ENCHILADA CONDUCTED OPERATIONS FROM!

DEFINITELY NOT DADDY'S STYLE!

STILL--

GEOFFREY! FRONT AND CENTER, SIR!

I THINK I'M GONNA BE ILL!

YES, MA'AM!

WE BETTER SECURE THE AREA IMMEDIATELY, JUST TO BE SAFE!

IS THERE A PROBLEM, MATE?

WHAT WAS THAT?

I DON'T KNOW, BUT I THINK I'M DOWN TO EIGHT LIVES JUST HEARING IT!

YEAH! I HAVE A REAL PAIN IN--

SONIC! THIS ISN'T THE TIME FOR--

IT SOUNDED LIKE IT CAME FROM SOMEWHERE CLOSE BY!

WOODEEHR!

IT DID!
IT DID!

A
DYNAMAC!*

LOOK
OUT!!

BAH-

DAAAAM!

*FIRST SEEN
IN SONIC*31
- J. FREDDY

LOOKS LIKE THE OL'
HEDGEHOG HAS TO
DO IT TO IT!

REALLY?
THAT'LL BE
THE DAY!

ALL YOU
NEED IS
ONE GOOD
BOLT--

BOING!

K-TANG!

K-CHAKTI!

ZUT
ALORS!

WHIRR...WHIRR...

WHAP!
WHAP!

SUGAH-
TWAN!

MEEEE-OOOW!

TALK
ABOUT--
TIGHT--
S-SQUEEZES--

WHAP!

WE HAVE
TO DRAW THE
DYNAMAC'S
ATTENTION--
TRY TO CON-
FUSE IT!

EASIER
SAID THAN
DONE,
PRINCESS!



WHOOA!

STOP THE MERRY-GO-ROUND! I WANNA GET OFF!

SONIC! SNAP OUT OF IT!

WE NEED YOU, TRUE BLUE!

EXECUTE PLAN 'C'!

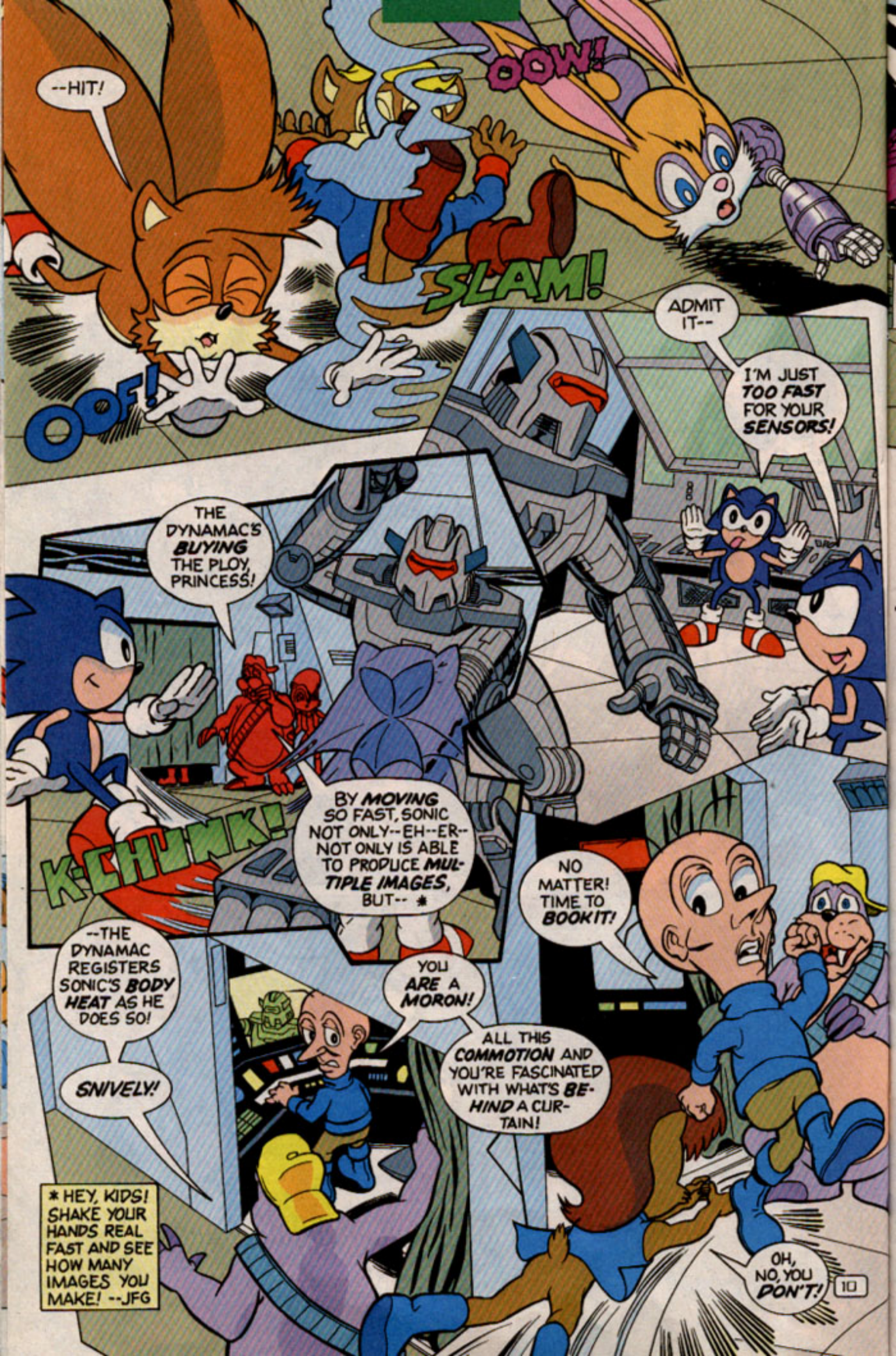
PLAN C--

--DESIGNED TO CONFUSE--

SEE?



LOOK OUT, SONIC! WE'RE GONNA--



--HIT!

OOW!

SLAM!

OOF!

ADMIT IT--

I'M JUST TOO FAST FOR YOUR SENSORS!

THE DYNAMAC'S **BUYING** THE PLOY, PRINCESS!

K-CHUNK!

BY MOVING SO FAST, SONIC NOT ONLY--EH--ER--NOT ONLY IS ABLE TO PRODUCE **MULTIPLE IMAGES**, BUT-- *

NO MATTER! TIME TO **BOOKIT!**

--THE DYNAMAC REGISTERS SONIC'S **BODY HEAT** AS HE DOES SO!

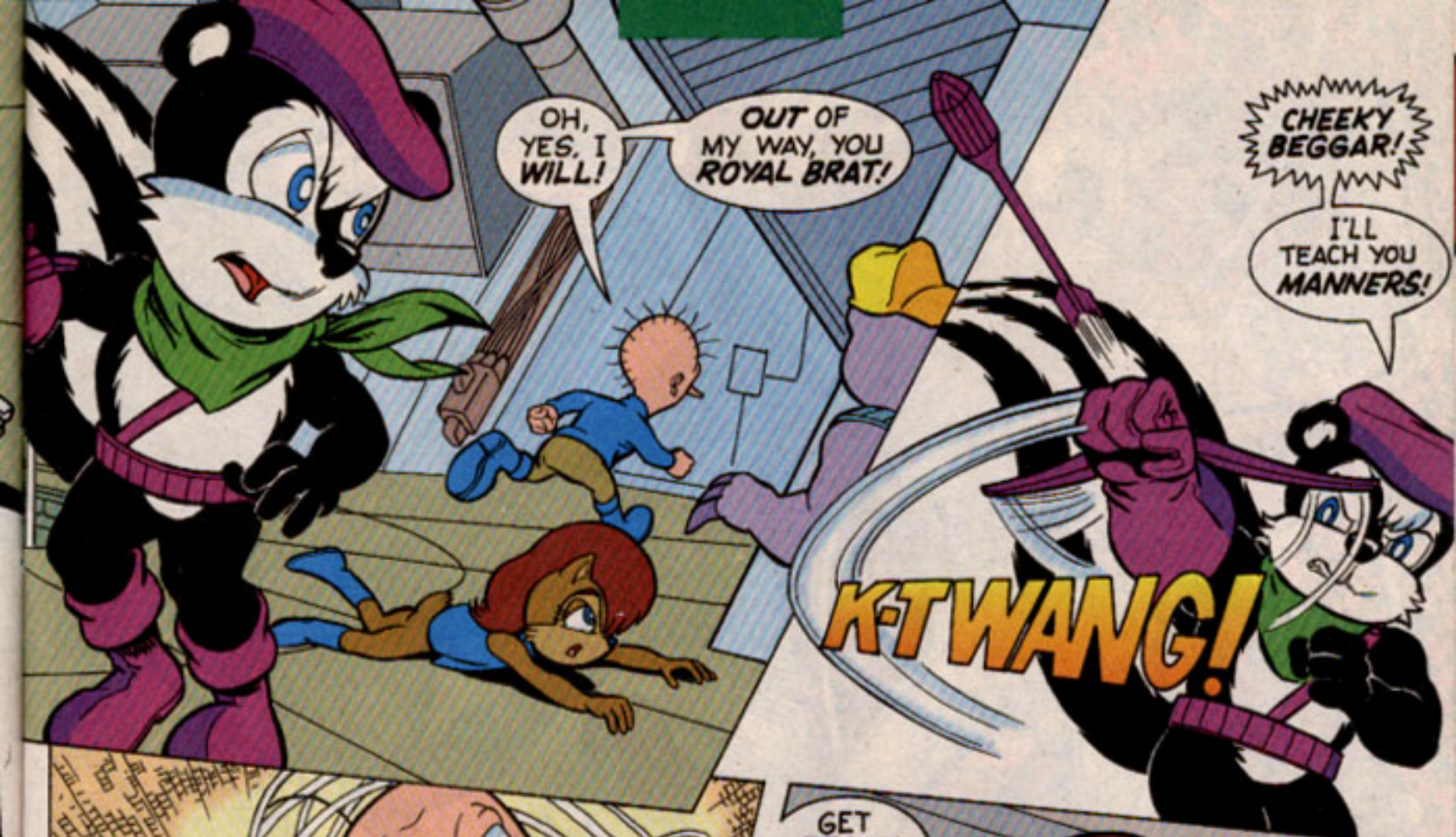
SNIVELY!

YOU ARE A **MORON!**

ALL THIS **COMMOTION** AND YOU'RE FASCINATED WITH WHAT'S **BEHIND A CURTAIN!**

* HEY, KIDS! SHAKE YOUR HANDS REAL FAST AND SEE HOW MANY IMAGES YOU MAKE! --JFG

OH, NO, YOU **DON'T!**



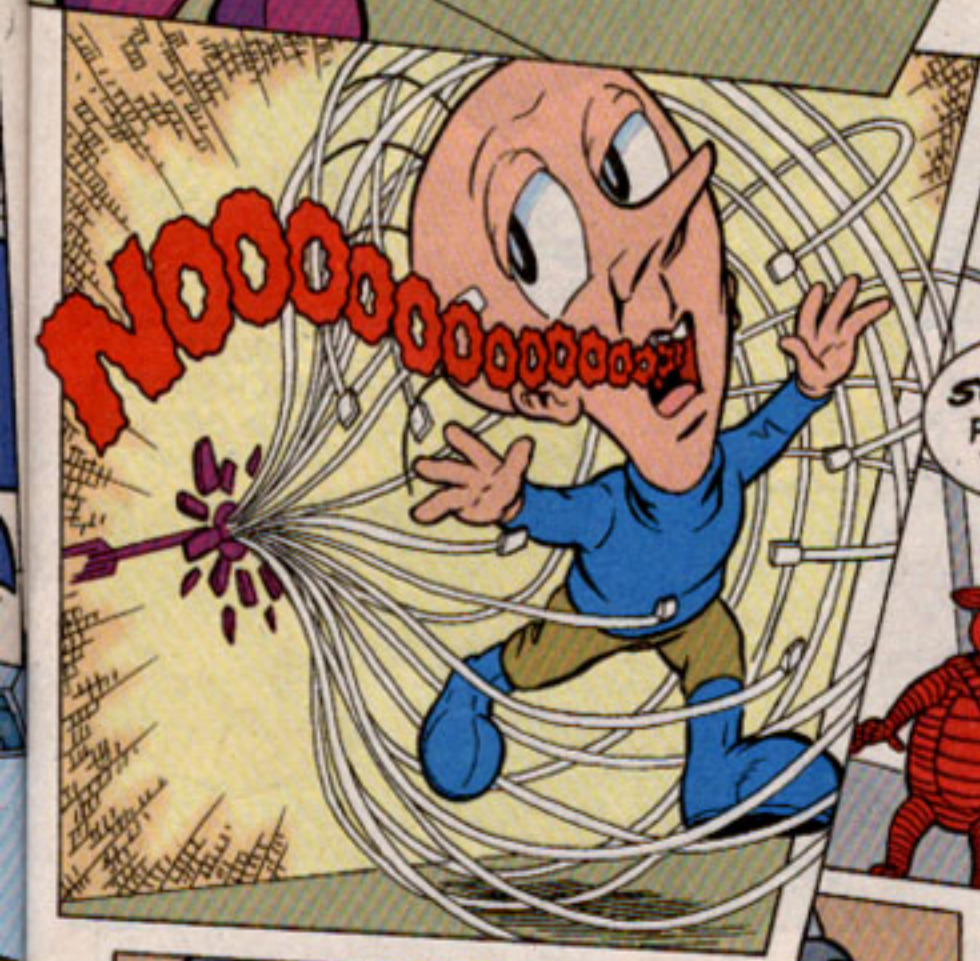
OH, YES, I WILL!

OUT OF MY WAY, YOU ROYAL BRAT!

CHEEKY BEGGAR!

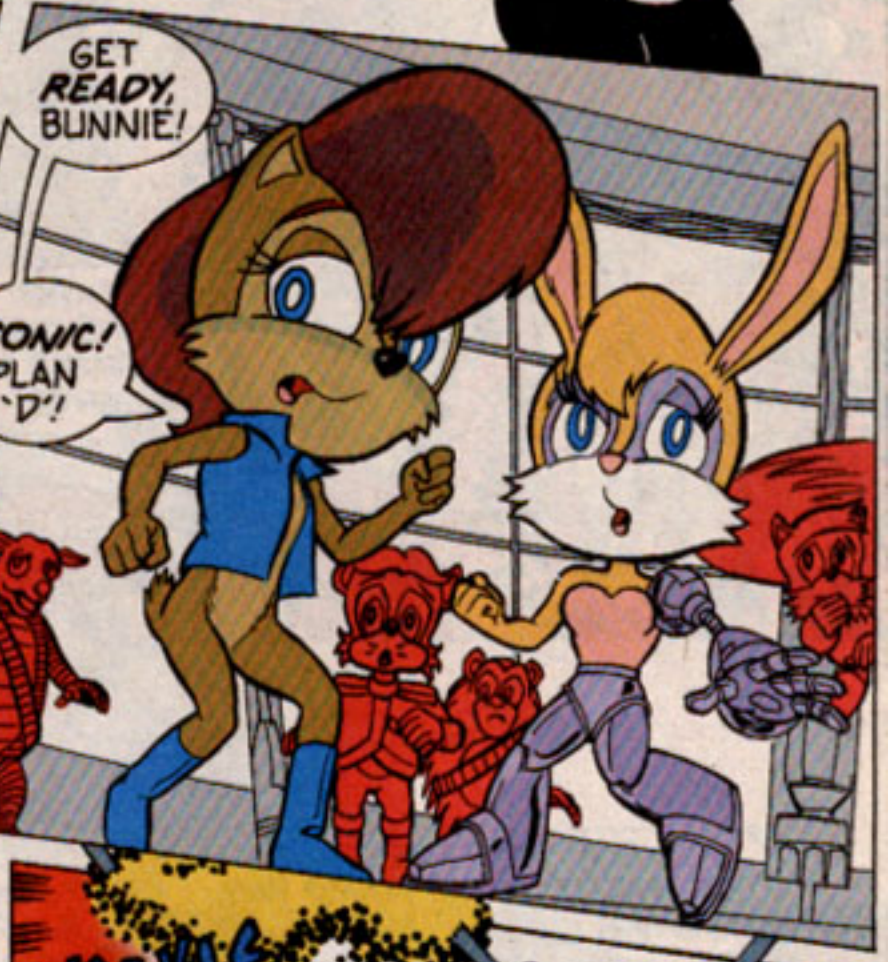
I'LL TEACH YOU MANNERS!

K-TWANG!



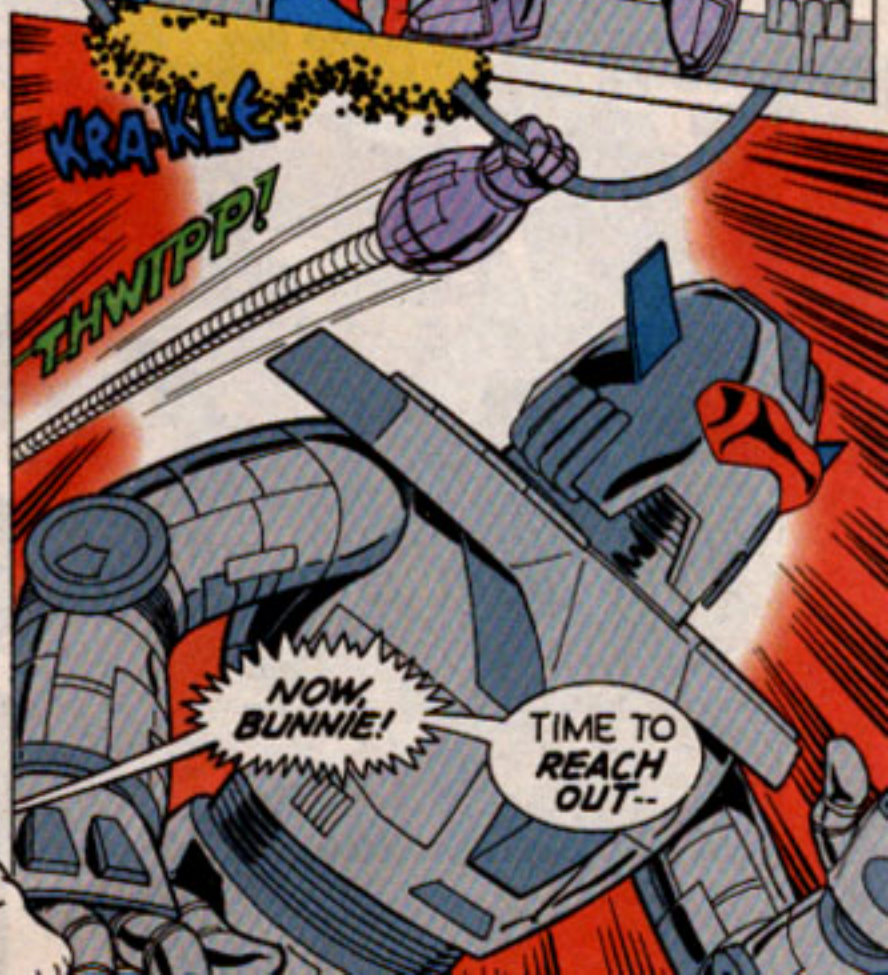
GET READY, BUNNIE!

SONIC! PLAN 'D'!



'D'--

--AS IN DIVERSION!

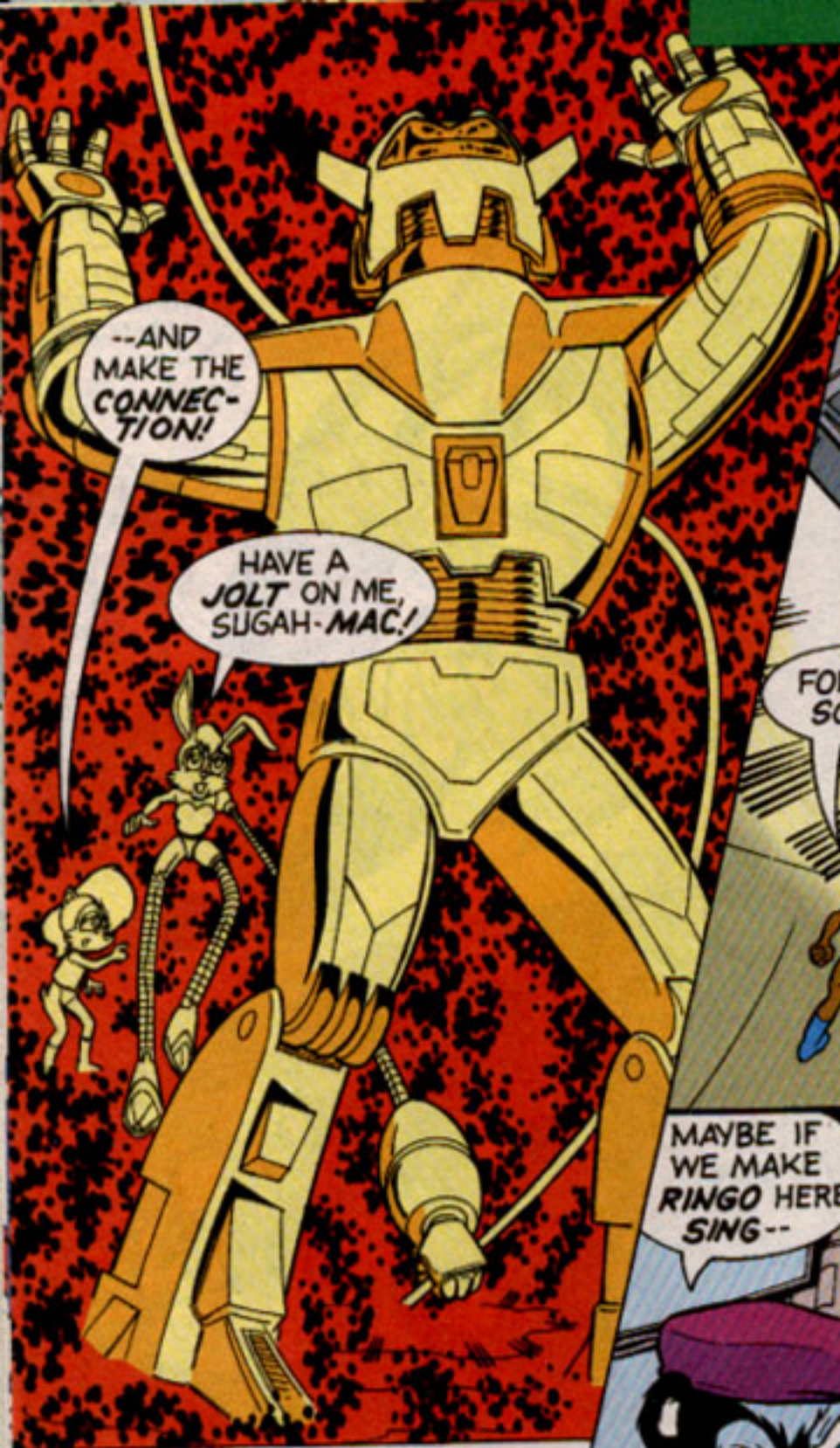


KRAKLE

THWTPP!

NOW, BUNNIE!

TIME TO REACH OUT--



--AND
MAKE THE
CONNEC-
TION!

HAVE A
JOLT ON ME,
SUGAH-MAC!

FOR NOW,
SONIC!

WHEW!

THAT
ONE'S DOWN
FOR THE
COUNT!

THERE
COULD BE
OTHER
SURPRISES!

MAYBE IF
WE MAKE
RINGO HERE
SING--

--WE COULD
MAKE LIFE
EASIER FOR
US!

I DOUBT
VERY MUCH SNIVELY
WOULD CO-OPERATE,
GEOFFREY!



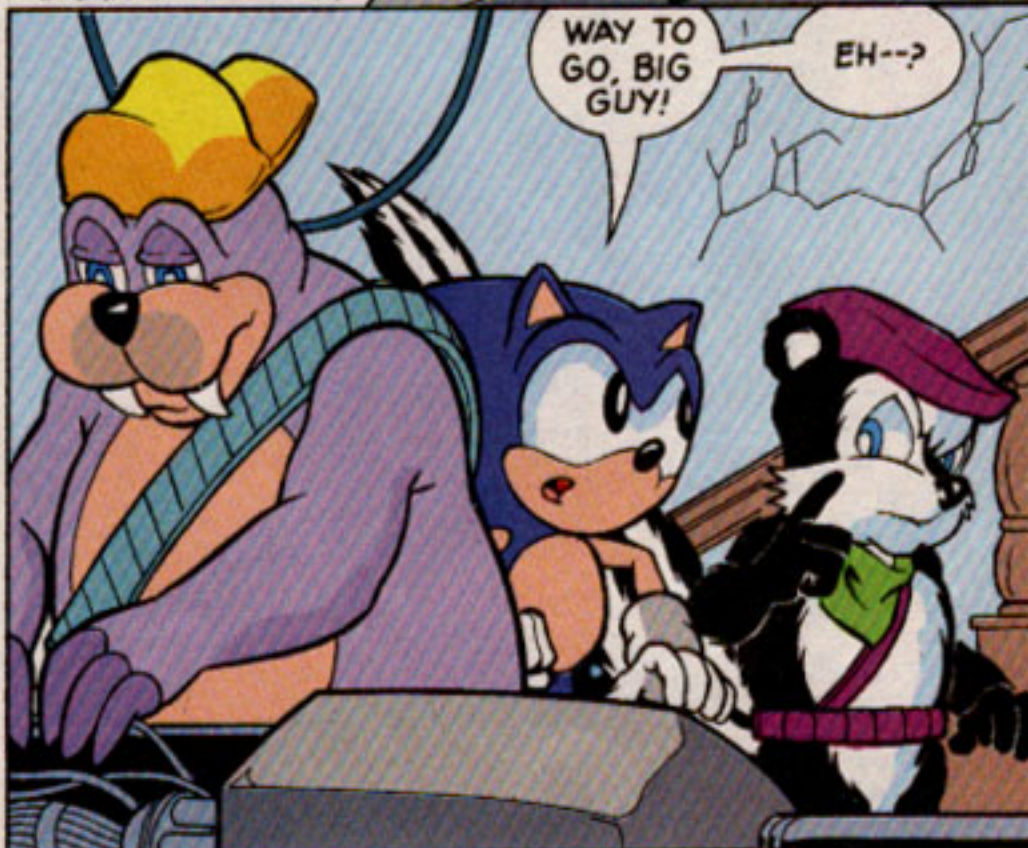
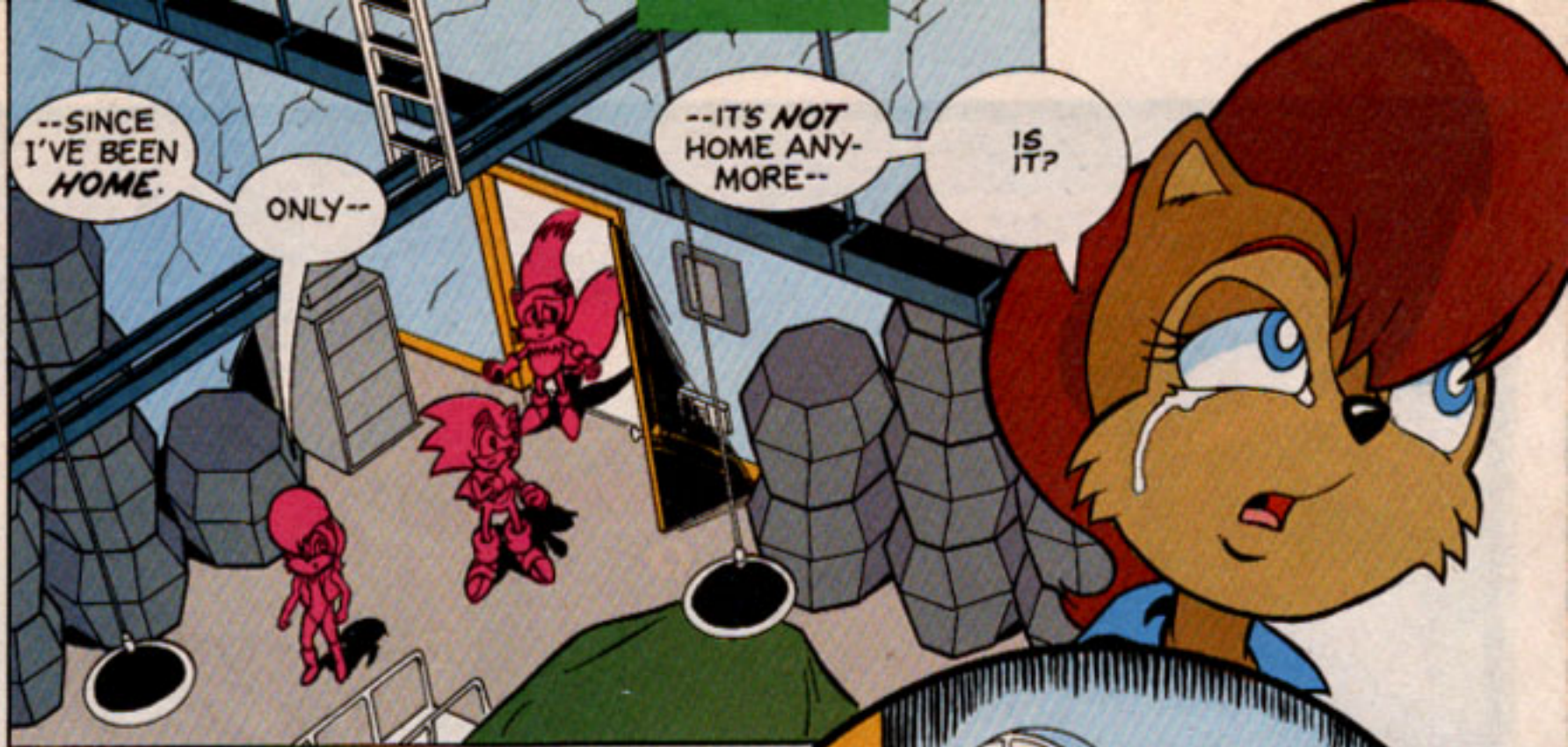
YOU GOT
THAT *RIGHT*,
SISTER!

THERE'S ALWAYS
THE *HARD* WAY,
MATE!

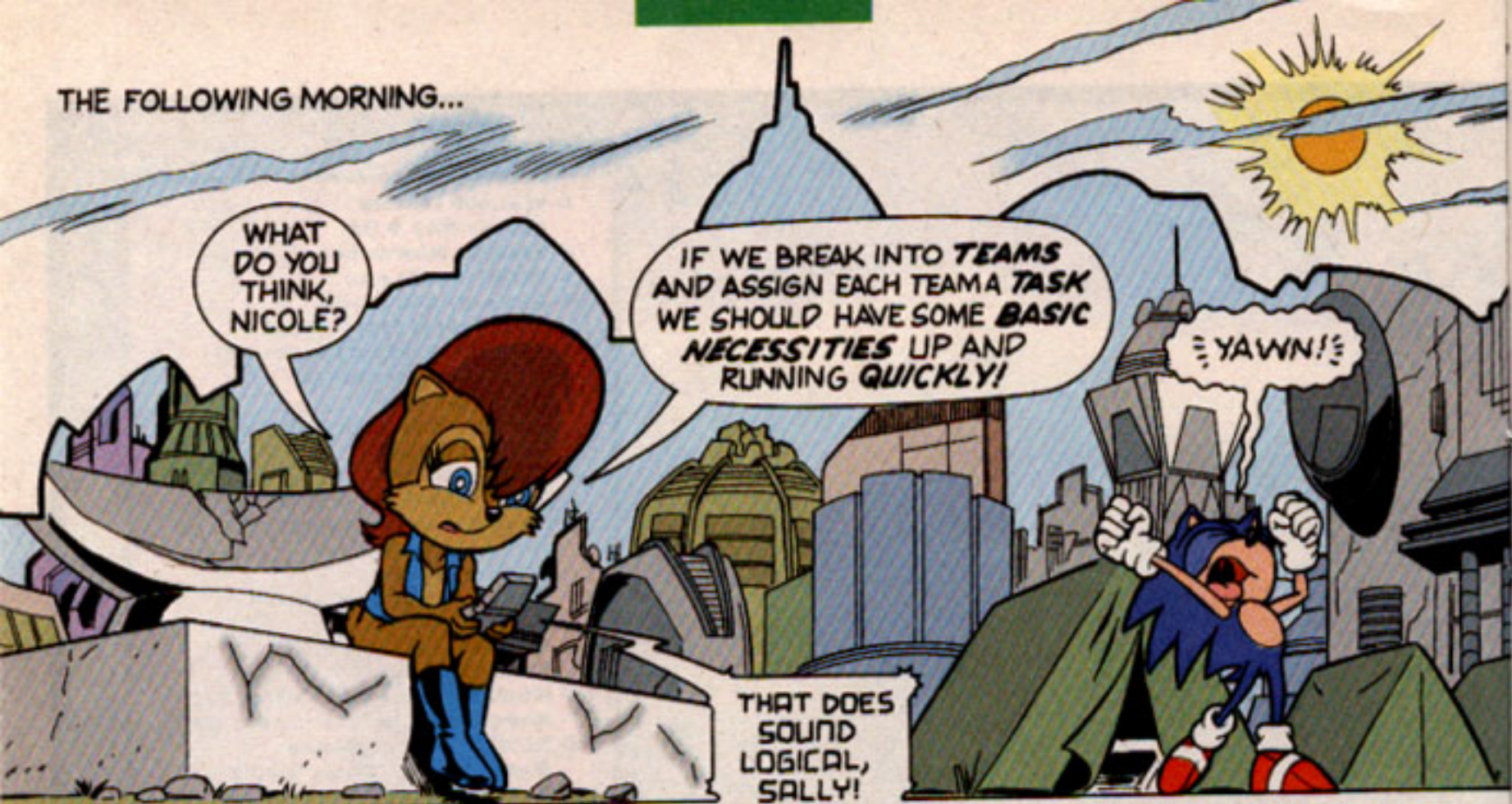
WHERE
TO NOW,
SAL?

I HAVE
TO CHECK SOME-
THING OUT,
SONIC!

IT'S BEEN
SUCH A LONG
TIME--



THE FOLLOWING MORNING...





NOW, I WANT YOU, GEOFFREY--

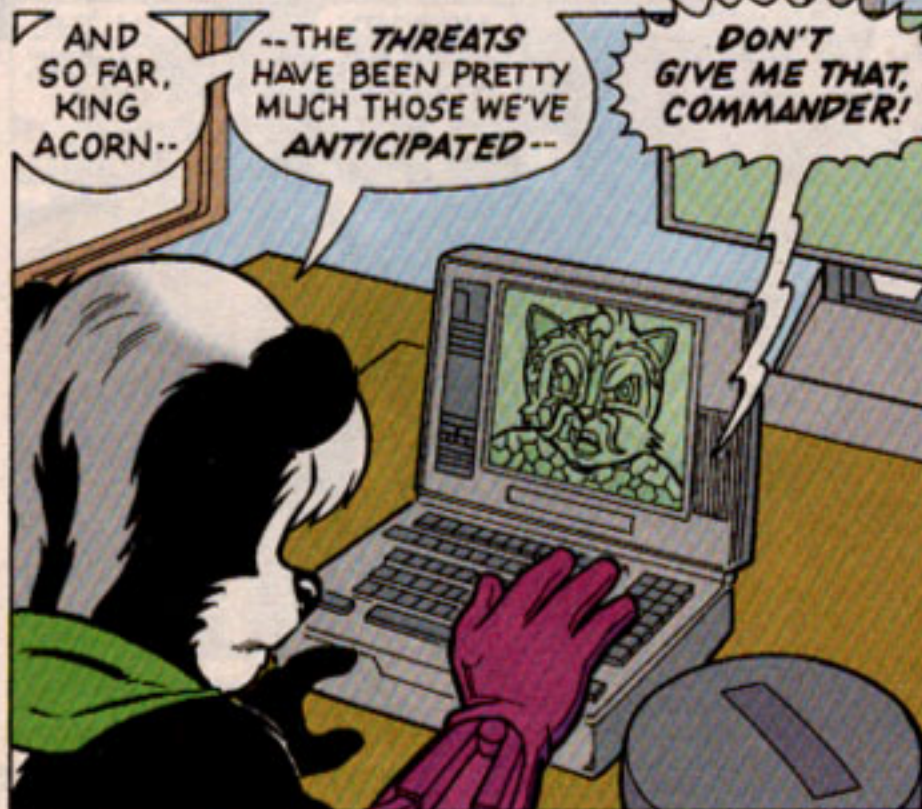
GEOFFREY?



"WHERE DID HE GO?"

I'M NOW AT THE ARMORY, YOUR MAJESTY!

THE FACILITIES HAVE BEEN SECURED!



AND SO FAR, KING ACORN--

--THE THREATS HAVE BEEN PRETTY MUCH THOSE WE'VE ANTICIPATED--

DON'T GIVE ME THAT, COMMANDER!

WE MUST GUARD AGAINST THE ENEMY WITHIN AS WELL AS WITHOUT!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND, YOUR HIGHNESS!

WHO IS THIS ENEMY YOU REFER TO?



I SPEAK OF NONE OTHER THAN SIR CHARLES HEDGEHOG!

HE'S A DANGEROUS RADICAL--



--AND COULD POSE A MAJOR THREAT TO THE REALM!



ARE YOU CERTAIN OF THIS, YOUR MAJESTY?

AFTER ALL--

OF COURSE I'M CERTAIN!

DON'T FORGET IT WAS HE WHO INVENTED THE ROBOTICIZER--

--AS WELL AS CREATING THE **SPY NETWORK** THAT BEGAT **TRAITORS** TO THE REALM!

I HAVE ACCESS TO **INFORMATION** EVEN YOU ARE **UNAWARE** OF, **COMMANDER**, AND IF I--

THAT'S *ENOUGH* **EXCITEMENT** FOR NOW, **SIRE**!

"I'M SURE THE KINGDOM WILL **SURVIVE** WHILE YOU **REST**."

I'M OUT ON **SECURITY** **DETAIL**, **FLEMING**!

NOBODY GOES IN THERE!

EVEN THE **PRINCESS**, **SIR**?

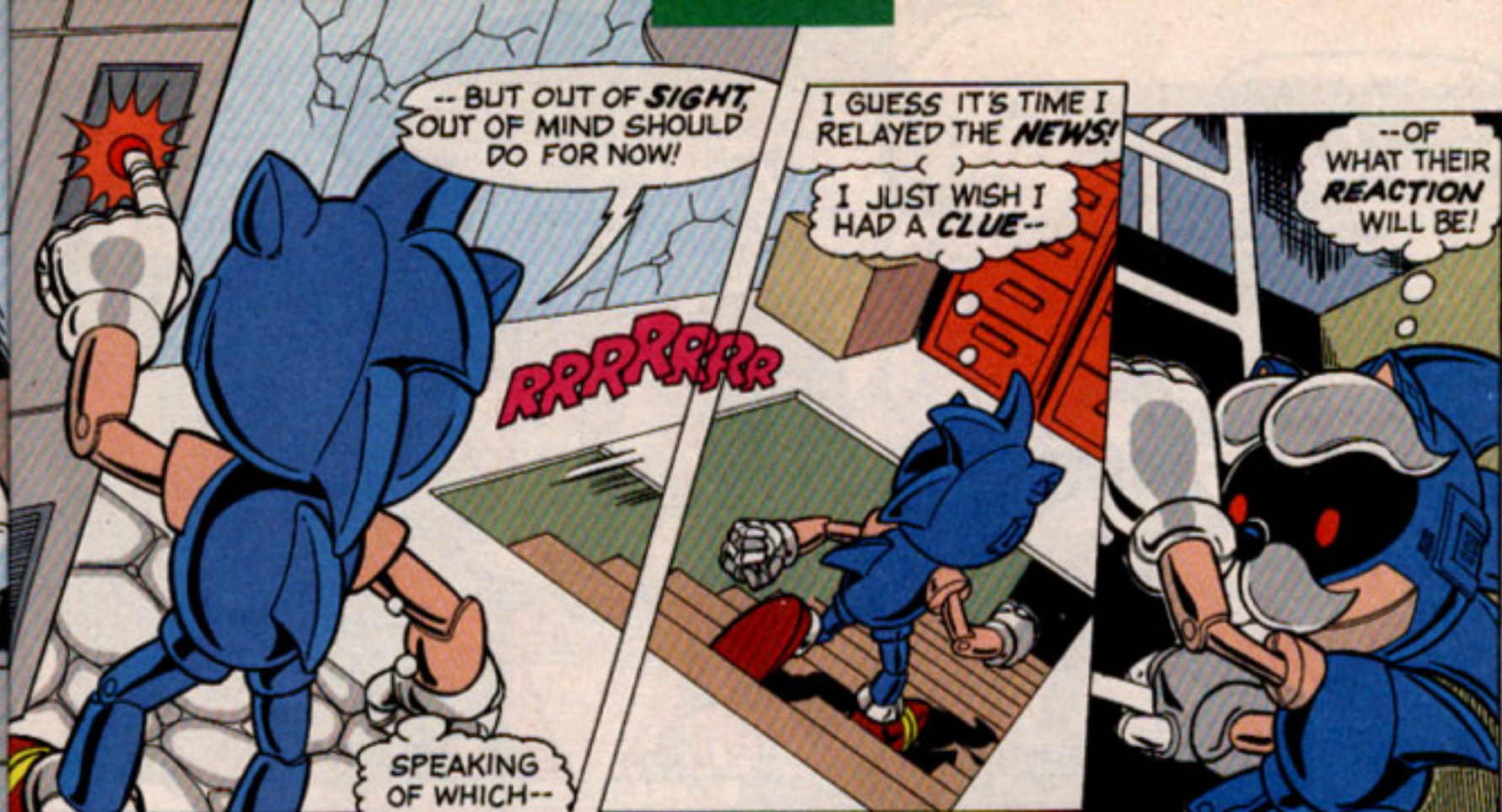
KLIK! KLAH!

"**ESPECIALLY** THE **PRINCESS**!"

THIS SHOULD JUST ABOUT DO IT!

WITH **ROBOTNIK** GONE FOR GOOD, I DON'T SEE ANY **NEED** FOR ALL THIS **SURVEILLANCE** **EQUIPMENT**!

OF COURSE, ONE *NEVER* KNOWS WHEN THINGS MIGHT **CHANGE**--



-- BUT OUT OF *SIGHT*,
OUT OF MIND SHOULD
DO FOR NOW!

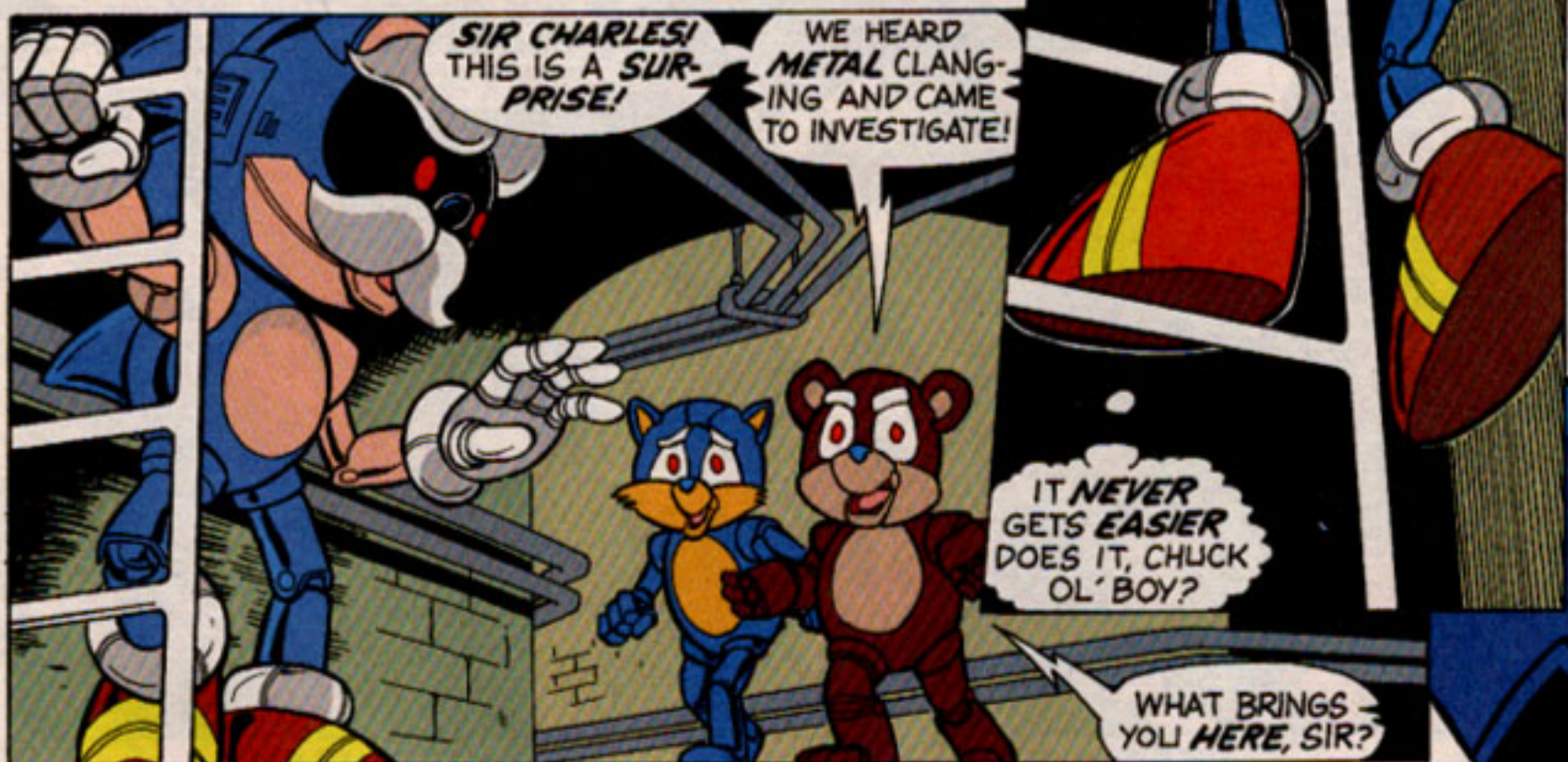
I GUESS IT'S TIME I
RELAYED THE *NEWS*!

I JUST WISH I
HAD A *CLUE*--

--OF
WHAT THEIR
REACTION
WILL BE!

RRRRRRR

SPEAKING
OF WHICH--

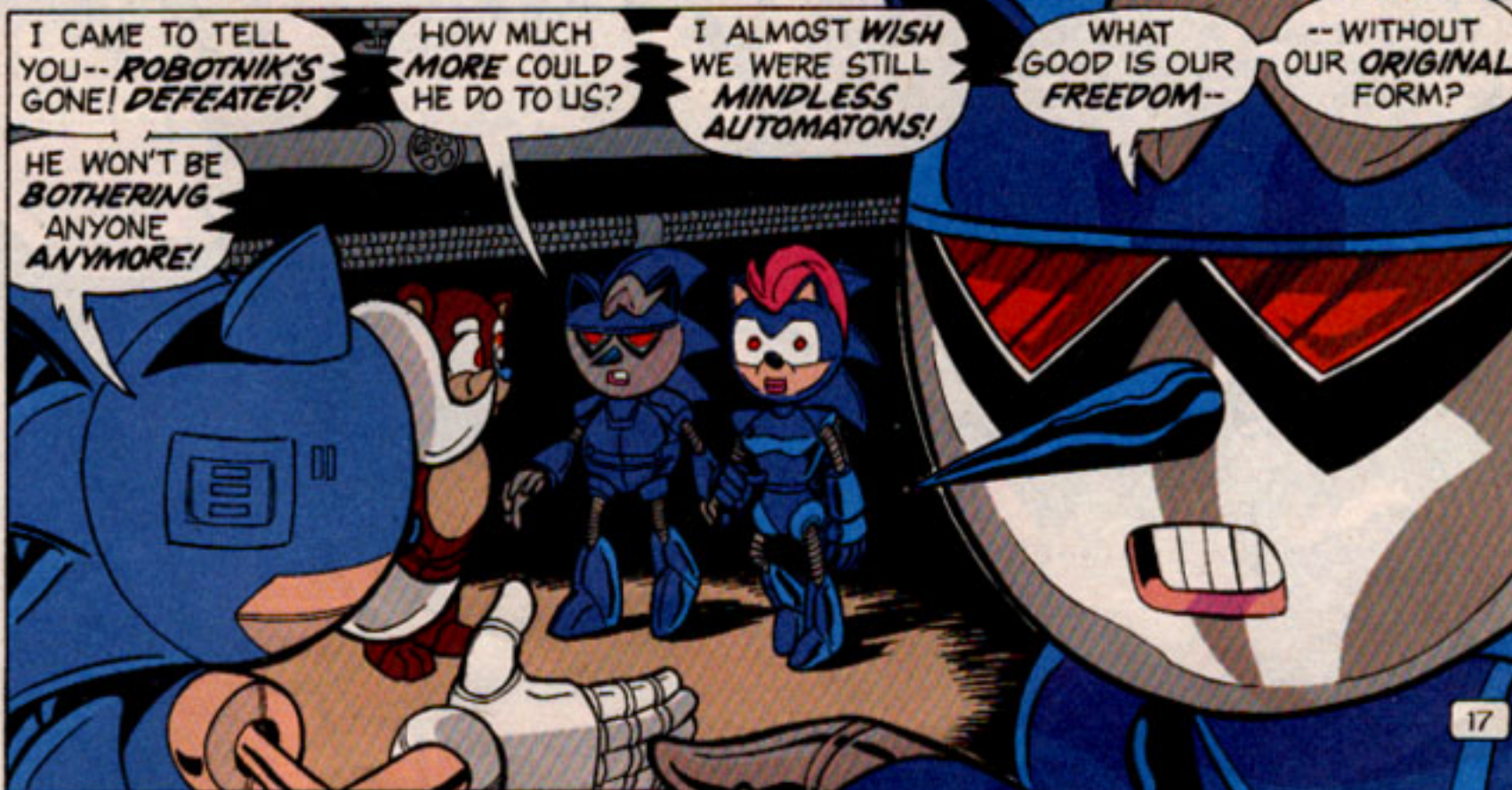


SIR CHARLES!
THIS IS A *SUR-
PRISE*!

WE HEARD
METAL CLANG-
ING AND CAME
TO INVESTIGATE!

IT *NEVER*
GETS *EASIER*
DOES IT, CHUCK
OL' BOY?

WHAT BRINGS
YOU *HERE*, SIR?



I CAME TO TELL
YOU-- *ROBOTNIK'S*
GONE! *DEFEATED*!

HOW MUCH
MORE COULD
HE DO TO US?

I ALMOST *WISH*
WE WERE STILL
MINDLESS
AUTOMATONS!

WHAT
GOOD IS OUR
FREEDOM--

-- WITHOUT
OUR *ORIGINAL*
FORM?

HE WON'T BE
BOTHERING
ANYONE
ANYMORE!

EH-- I'M AFRAID
IT'S NOT THAT
SIMPLE, JULES!

THE **ULTIMATE
ANNIHILATOR*** MAY
HAVE **RESTORED**
FREE WILL TO US
ALL, BUT--

BUT
WHAT, SIR
CHARLES?

WE'VE **ENDURED** SO,
MUCH, SIR CHARLES--

--THAT THE **HOPE** OF
BEING **RESTORED** IS
ALL THAT KEPT US
GOING!

ALL WE WANT--

--IS A **NORMAL**
LIFE WITH OUR
FAMILIES!

* RECENTLY CHRONICLED IN **SONIC '50** -JFG.

I'M AFRAID
-- THAT'S
IMPOSSIBLE!

WHEN THE
ORIGINAL
ROBOTICIZER
WAS
DESTROYED--

--ANY CHANCE
OF OUR BEING
RESTORED **DIED**
WITH IT!

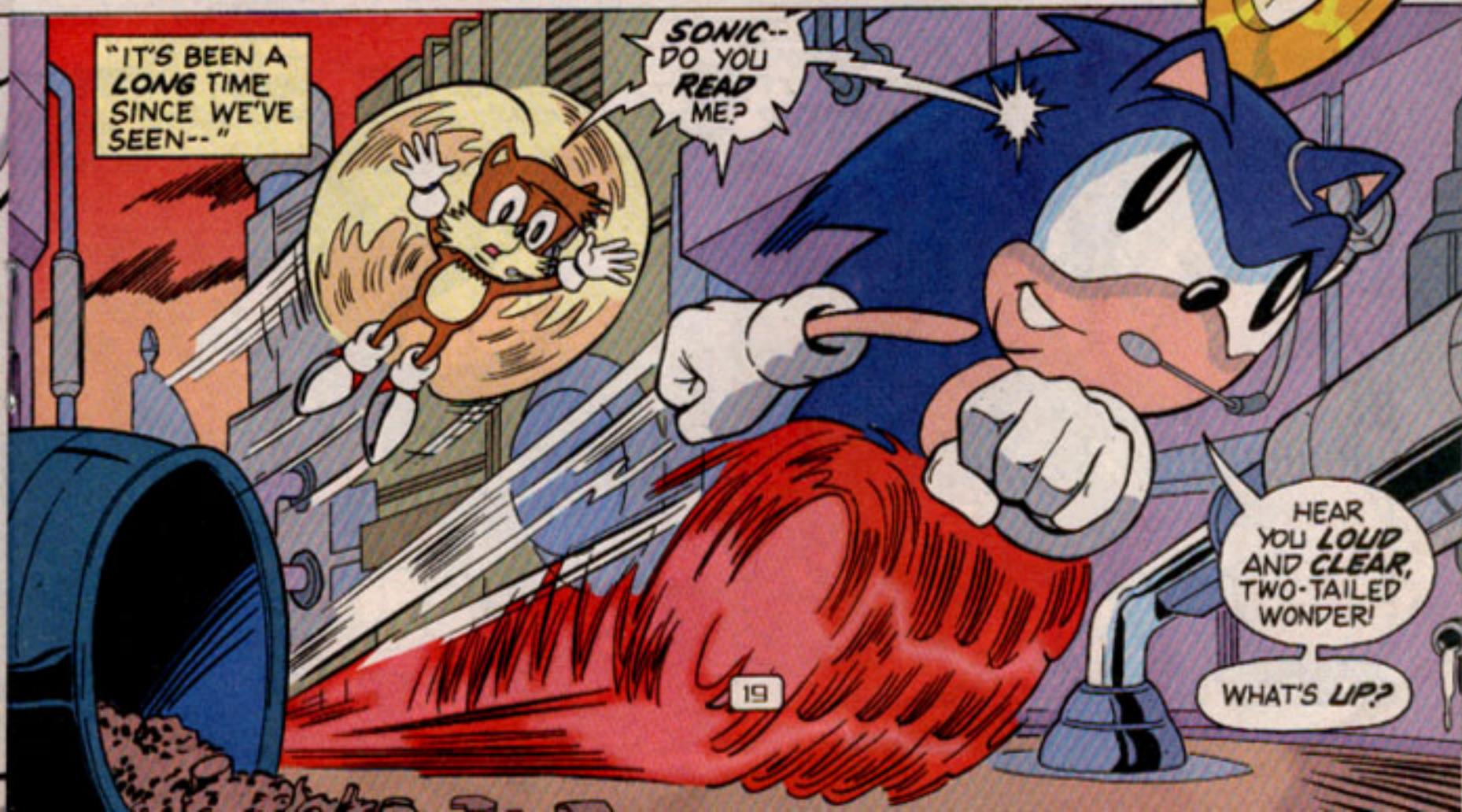
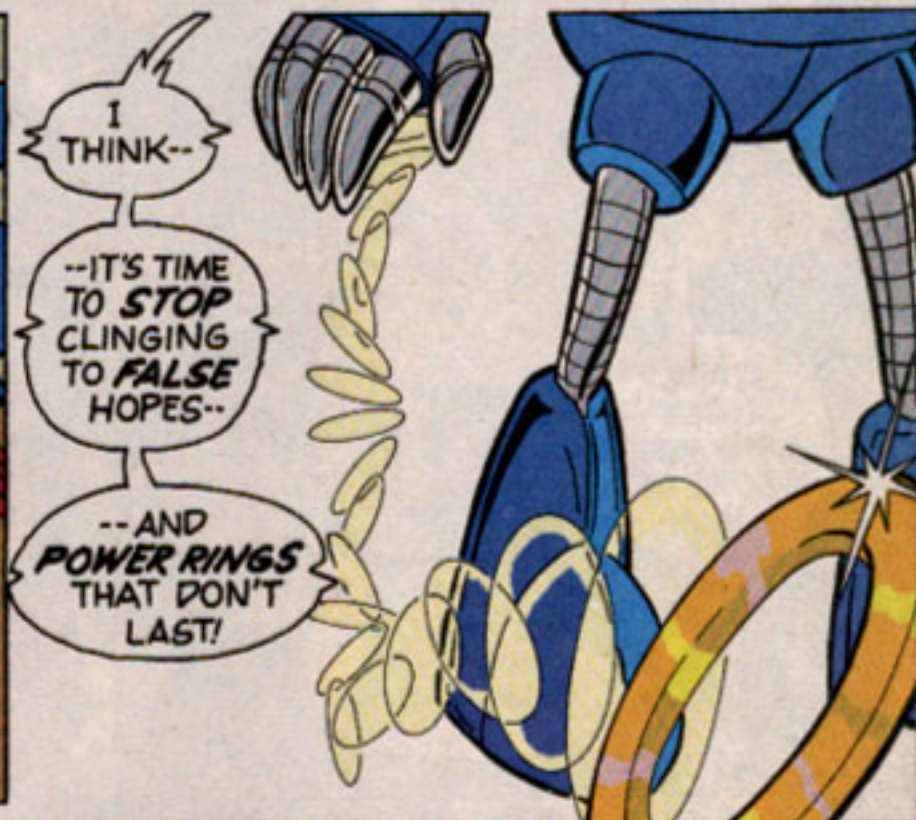
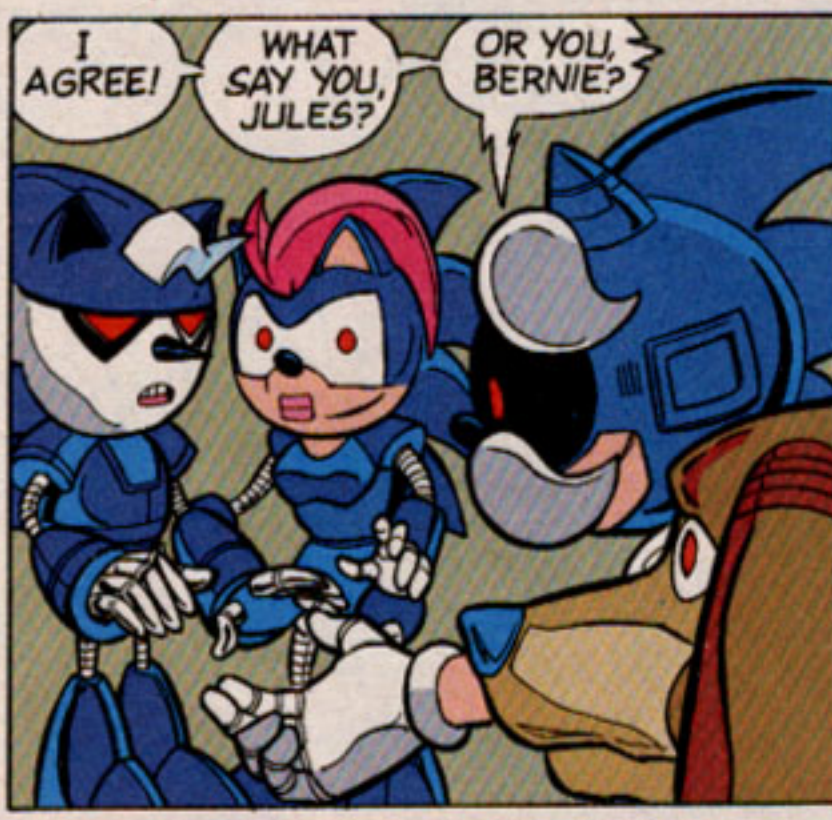
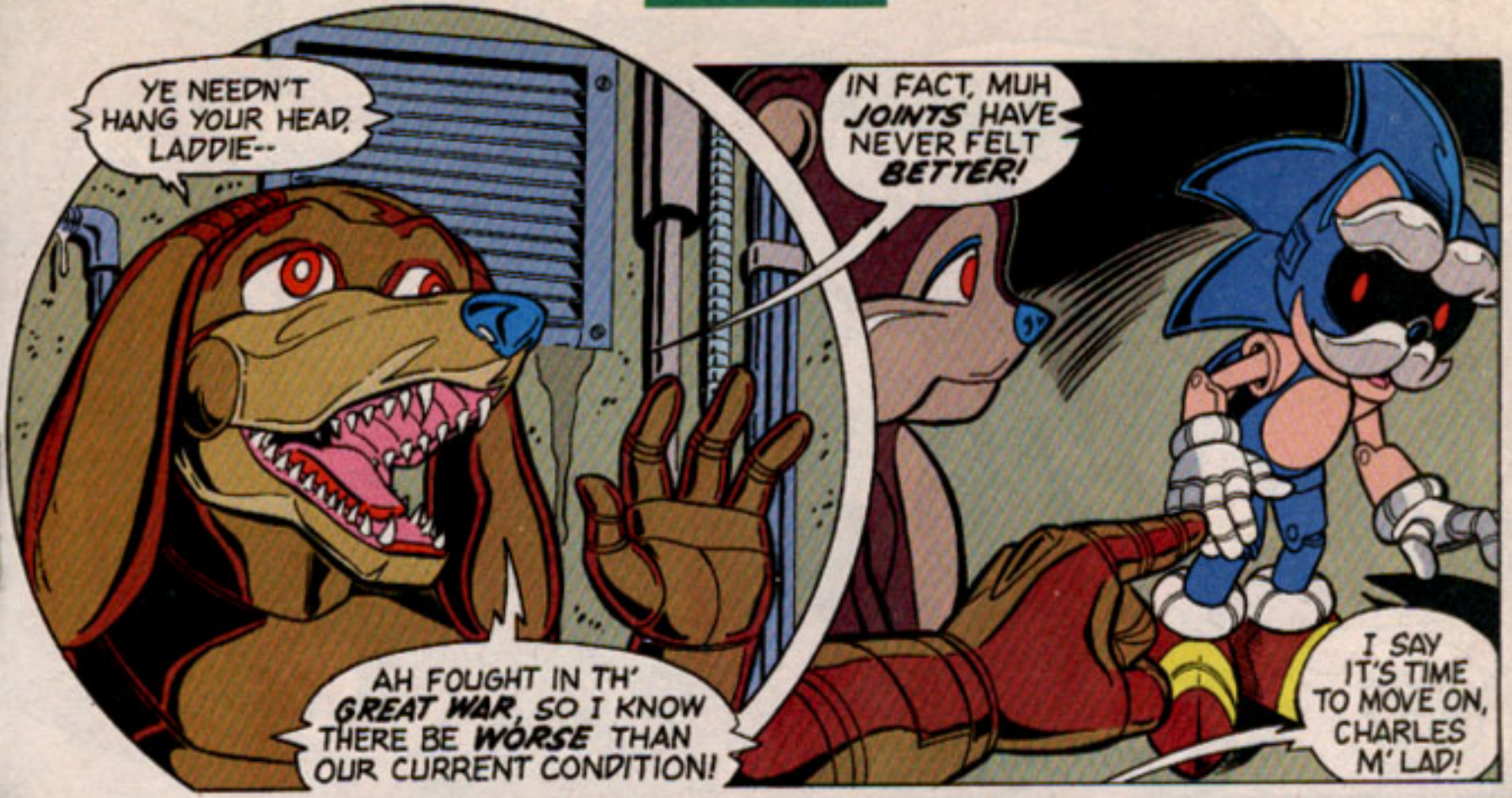
AND IF--
BY SOME
MIRACLE--

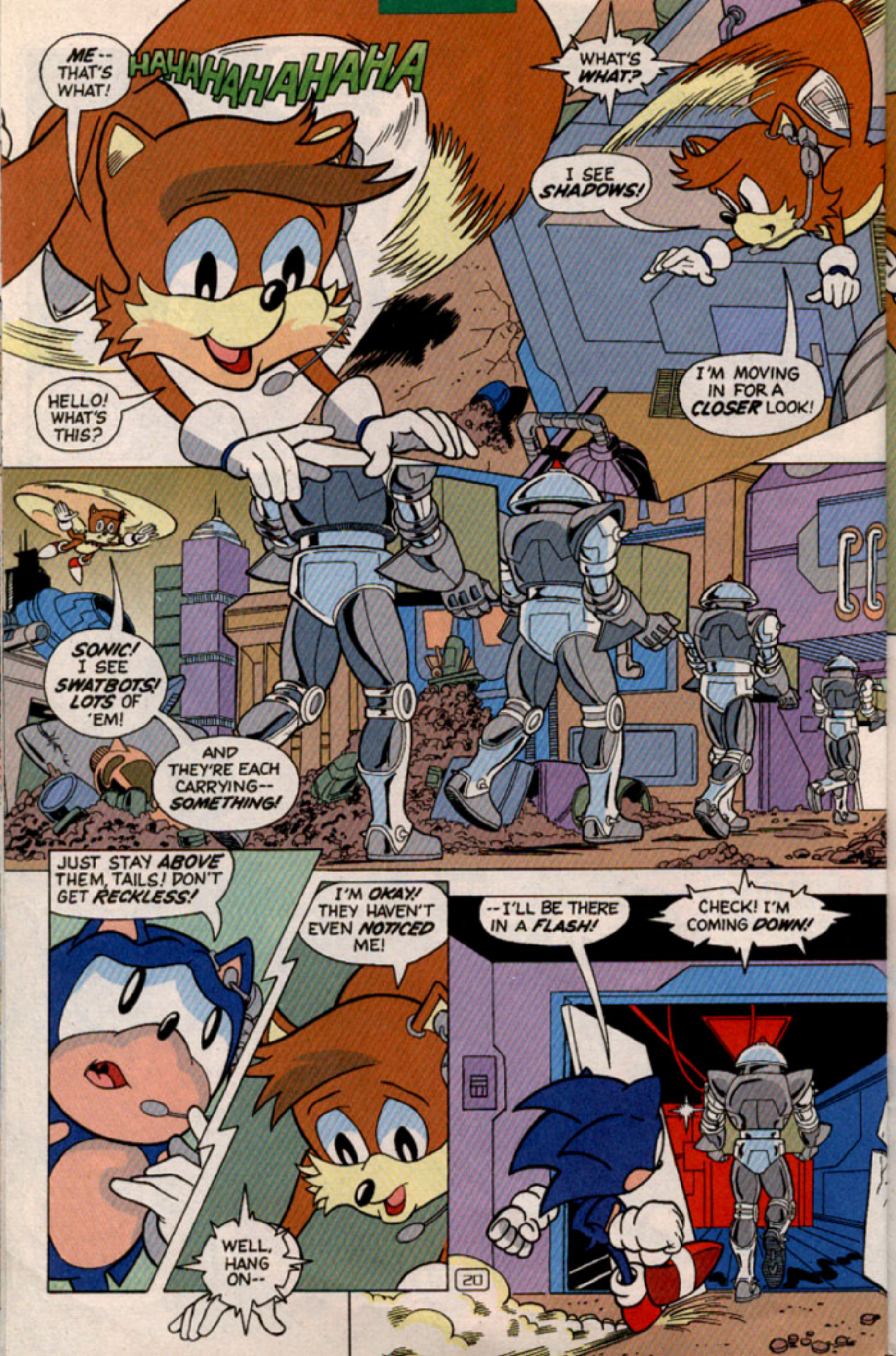
--EVEN IF I WAS
ABLE TO **RE-BUILD**
IT TO THE **SAME**
SPECS--

ANY ROUTINE MAINTEN-
ANCE OR EVEN A **MINOR**
ALTERATION PERFORMED
AFFECTED YOUR **CELLULAR**
STRUCTURE!

I COULD **NOT** GUARANTEE
YOUR **SURVIVING** THE
PROCESS!

I'M
VERY
SORRY!





ME--
THAT'S
WHAT!

HAAAAHAHAHAHA

WHAT'S
WHAT?

I SEE
SHADOWS!

I'M MOVING
IN FOR A
CLOSER LOOK!

HELLO!
WHAT'S
THIS?

SONIC!
I SEE
SWATBOTS!
LOTS OF
'EM!

AND
THEY'RE EACH
CARRYING--
SOMETHING!

JUST STAY ABOVE
THEM, TAILS! DON'T
GET RECKLESS!

I'M OKAY!
THEY HAVEN'T
EVEN NOTICED
ME!

-- I'LL BE THERE
IN A FLASH!

CHECK! I'M
COMING DOWN!

WELL,
HANG
ON--

WHAT DO YOU *THINK* THEY'RE UP TO, SONIC?

WHO CAN SAY?

BUT, WHATEVER IT IS--

--WE'RE *NOT* GOING TO FIND OUT BY *STAYING OUTSIDE!*

UN-BELIEVABLE, TAILS!

IT'S LIKE ROBOTNIK *PLANNED* FOR THINGS TO KEEP OPERATING LONG *AFTER* HE WAS GONE!

MAYBE HE FIGURED SINCE WE KNEW ABOUT HIS *FINAL REVENGE* SCHEME HE'D TRY SOMETHING *DIFFERENT!**

MAY-DAY, SONIC!

SWATBOT APPROACHING FROM *BEHIND!*

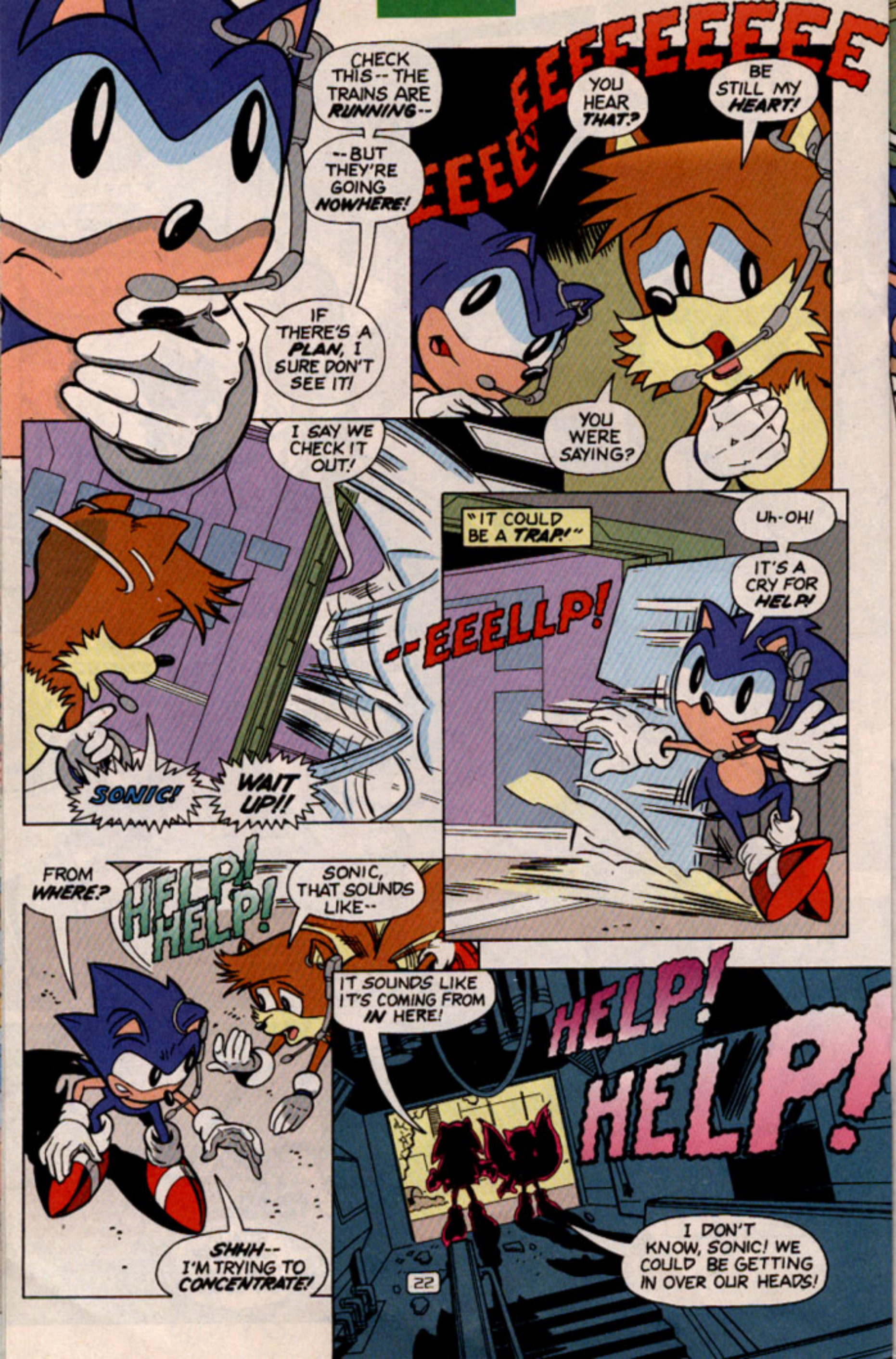
WE'RE *SURROUNDED!*

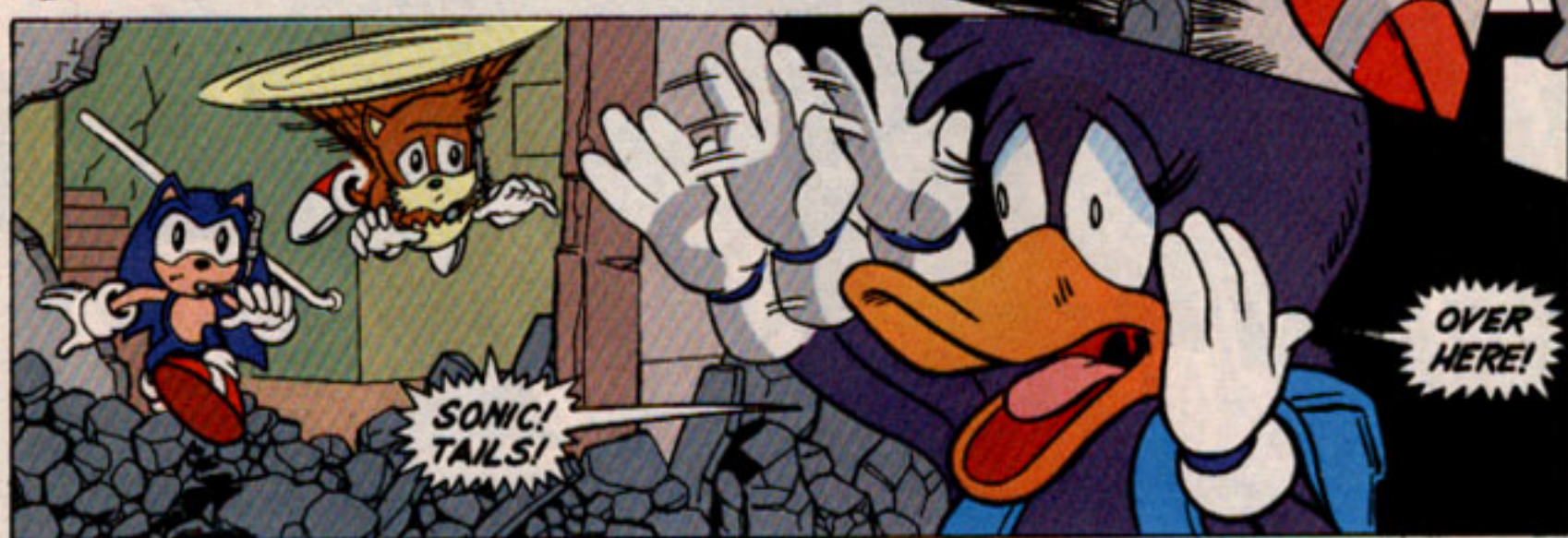
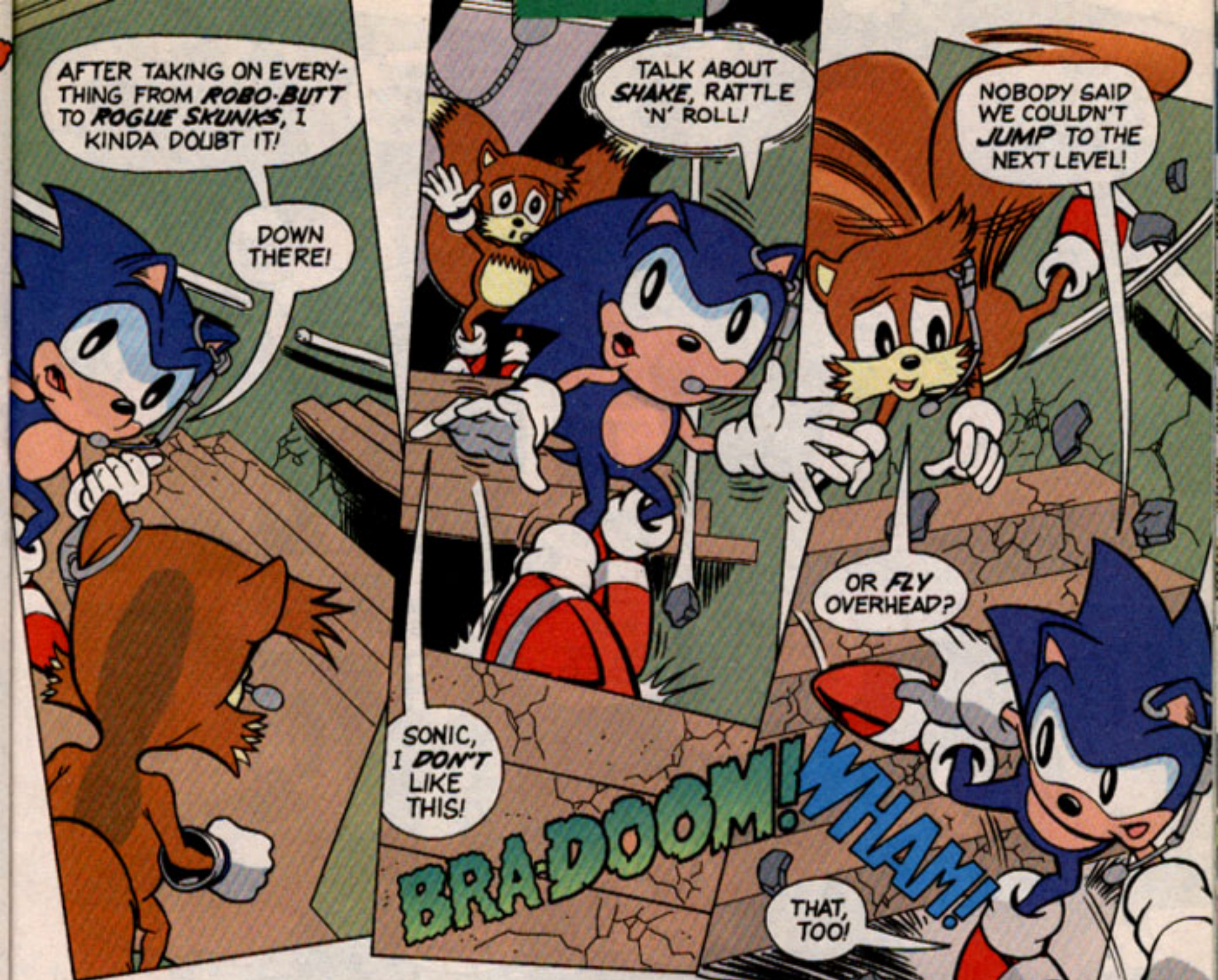
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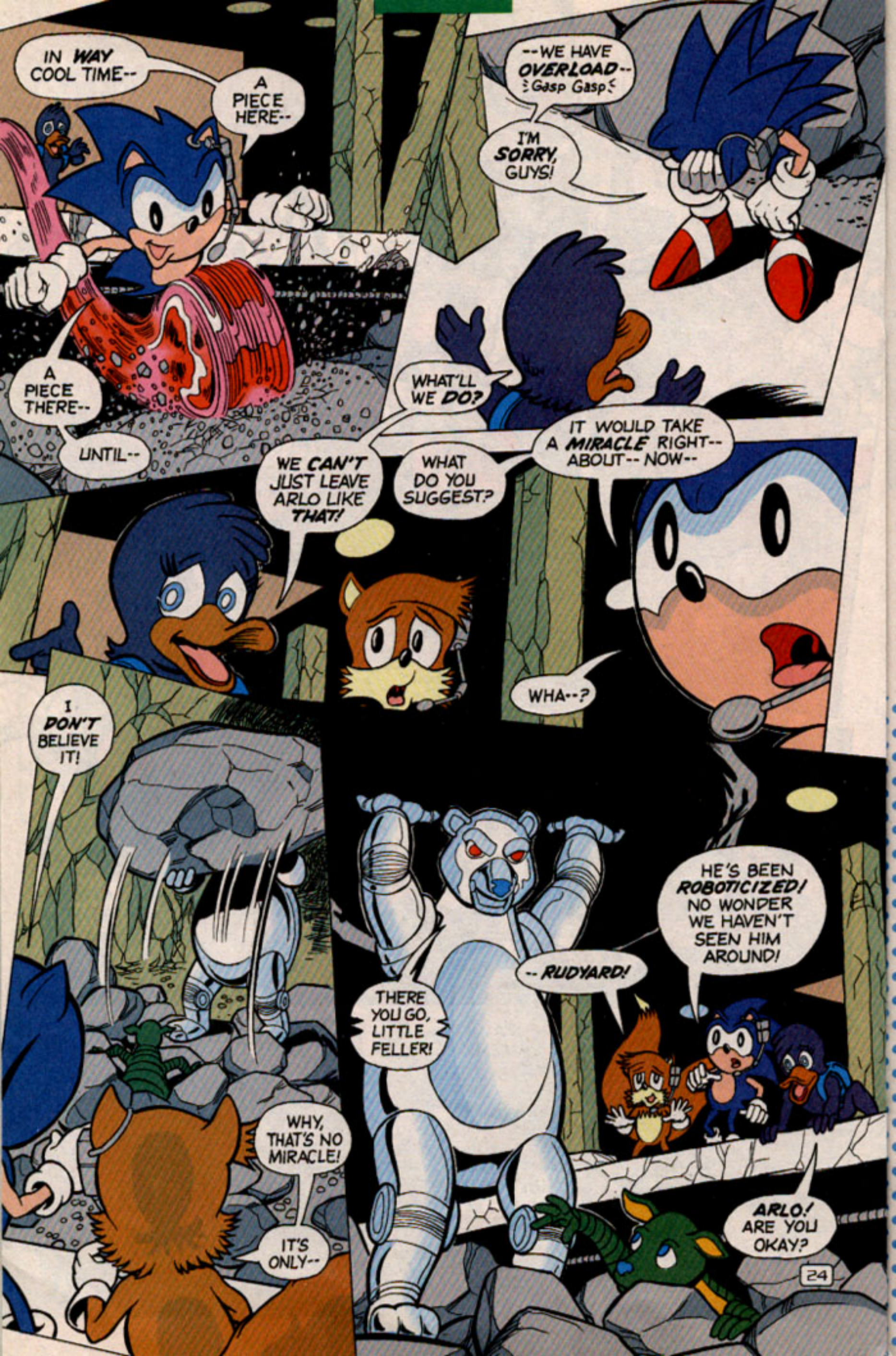
YOWSER!

TOTALLY *IGNORED!* THAT'S WAY UN-COOL!

* OF COURSE, YOU REMEMBERED *SONIC #22*, DIDN'T YOU? - Freddy







IN WAY COOL TIME--

A PIECE HERE--

--WE HAVE OVERLOAD--
Gasp Gasp

I'M SORRY, GUYS!

A PIECE THERE--

UNTIL--

WHAT'LL WE DO?

IT WOULD TAKE A MIRACLE RIGHT-- ABOUT-- NOW--

WE CAN'T JUST LEAVE ARLO LIKE THAT!

WHAT DO YOU SUGGEST?

I DON'T BELIEVE IT!

WHA--?

HE'S BEEN ROBOTICIZED! NO WONDER WE HAVEN'T SEEN HIM AROUND!

-- RUDYARD!

THERE YOU GO, LITTLE FELLER!

WHY, THAT'S NO MIRACLE!

IT'S ONLY--

ARLO! ARE YOU OKAY?

I'M *FINE*,
GUYS! REALLY,
I AM!

JUST
HAD THE *WIND*
KNOCKED OUT
OF ME!

UNCLE
CHUCK!

WHERE
DID YOU
COME
FROM?

I HAD TO GO TELL
SOME FOLKS THE
GOOD NEWS ABOUT
WHAT HAPPENED!

ESPECIALLY A COUPLE
THAT *COULDN'T* WAIT
TO SEE YOU, LAD!

I'M SURE YOU HAVEN'T
FORGOTTEN YOUR OWN
PARENTS, SONIC!

HELLO, DEAR!
IT'S BEEN WAY
TOO LONG!

WE'VE
MISSED YOU SO
VERY MUCH, SON!

MOM?

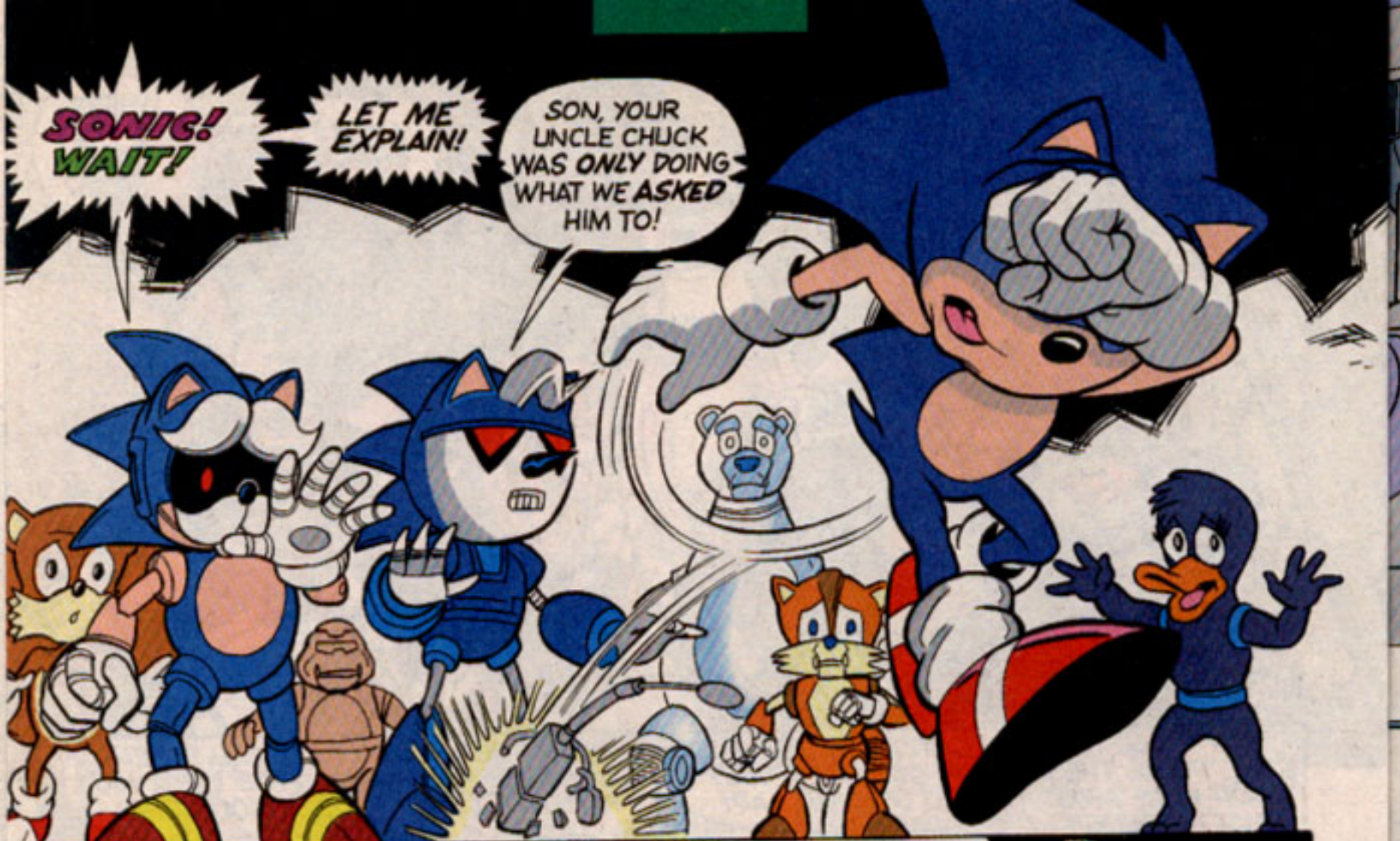
DAD?

HOW COULD
YOU *KEEP* THIS
FROM ME?

SONIC!
WAIT!

LET ME
EXPLAIN!

SON, YOUR
UNCLE CHUCK
WAS ONLY DOING
WHAT WE ASKED
HIM TO!

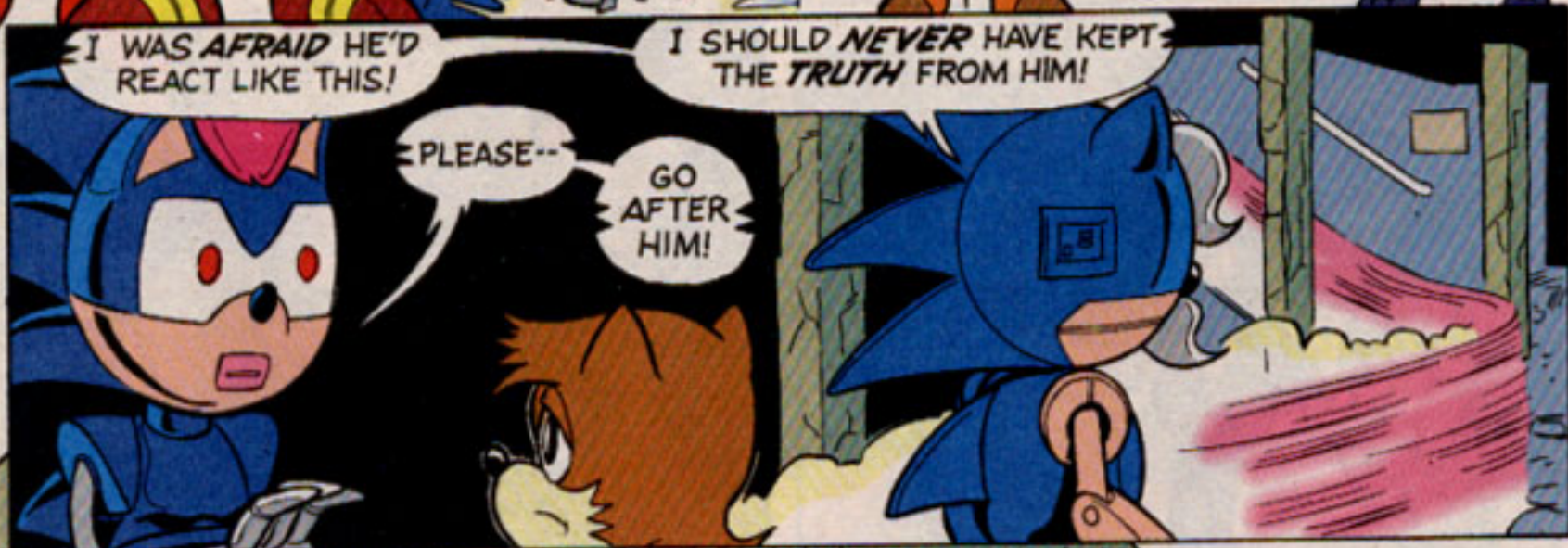


I WAS AFRAID HE'D
REACT LIKE THIS!

I SHOULD *NEVER* HAVE KEPT
THE *TRUTH* FROM HIM!

PLEASE--

GO
AFTER
HIM!



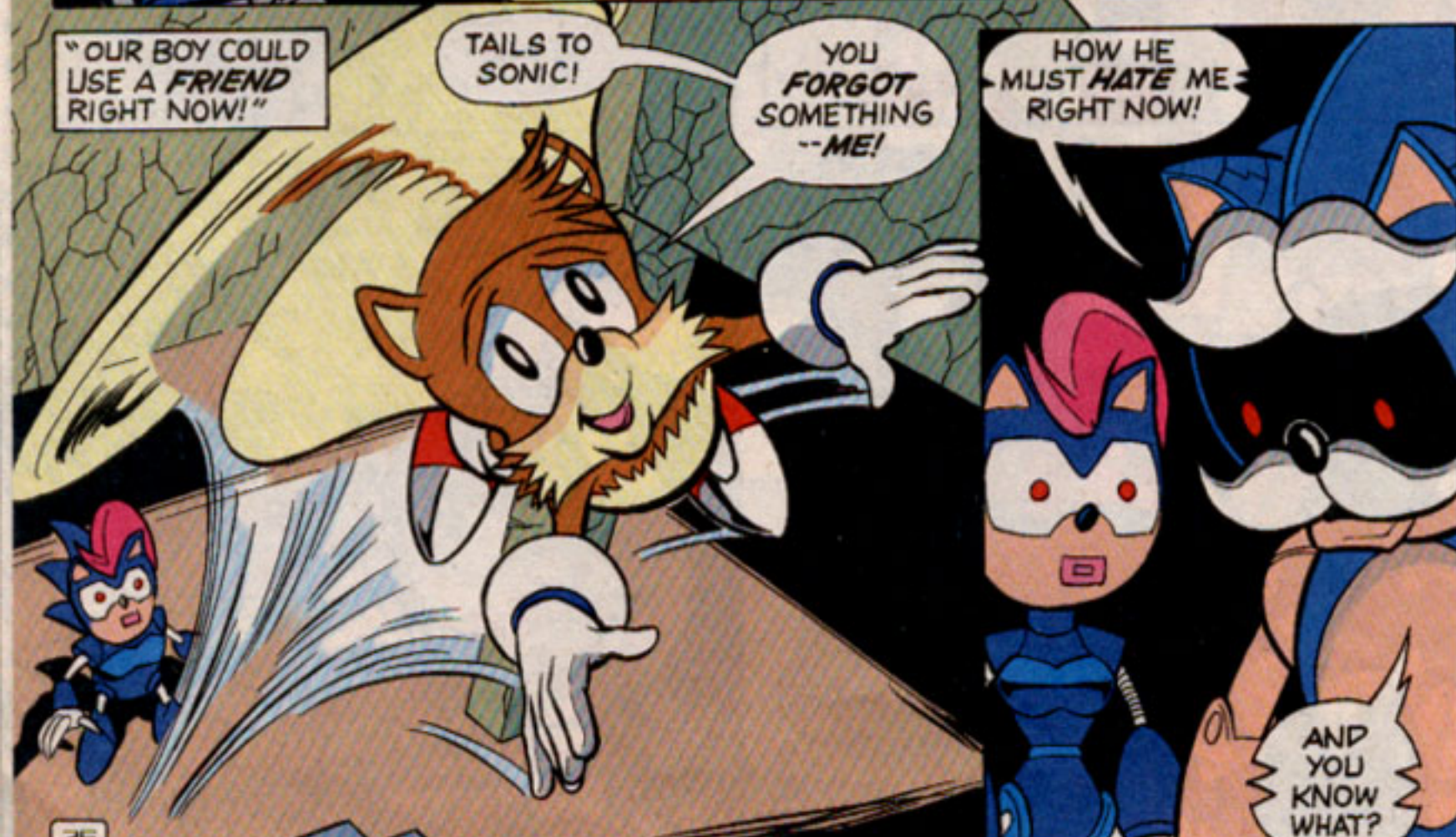
"OUR BOY COULD
USE A *FRIEND*
RIGHT NOW!"

TAILS TO
SONIC!

YOU
FORGOT
SOMETHING
--ME!

HOW HE
MUST *HATE* ME
RIGHT NOW!

AND
YOU
KNOW
WHAT?



"I DON'T BLAME HIM ONE BIT!"

WE'VE ESTABLISHED WHICH COMMUNICATION BOXES ARE *WORKING* IN THE *IMMEDIATE VICINITY*, PRINCESS!

WHICH AMOUNTS TO?

MAYBE *TWO* OUT OF EVERY FIVE ARE *OPERATIONAL*!

NOT GOOD, BUT *BETTER* THAN I--

SWEET MOTHER OF PEARL!

YOUR EYES AREN'T DECEIVING YOU, PRINCESS!

I TOLD THEM *EVERYTHING*!

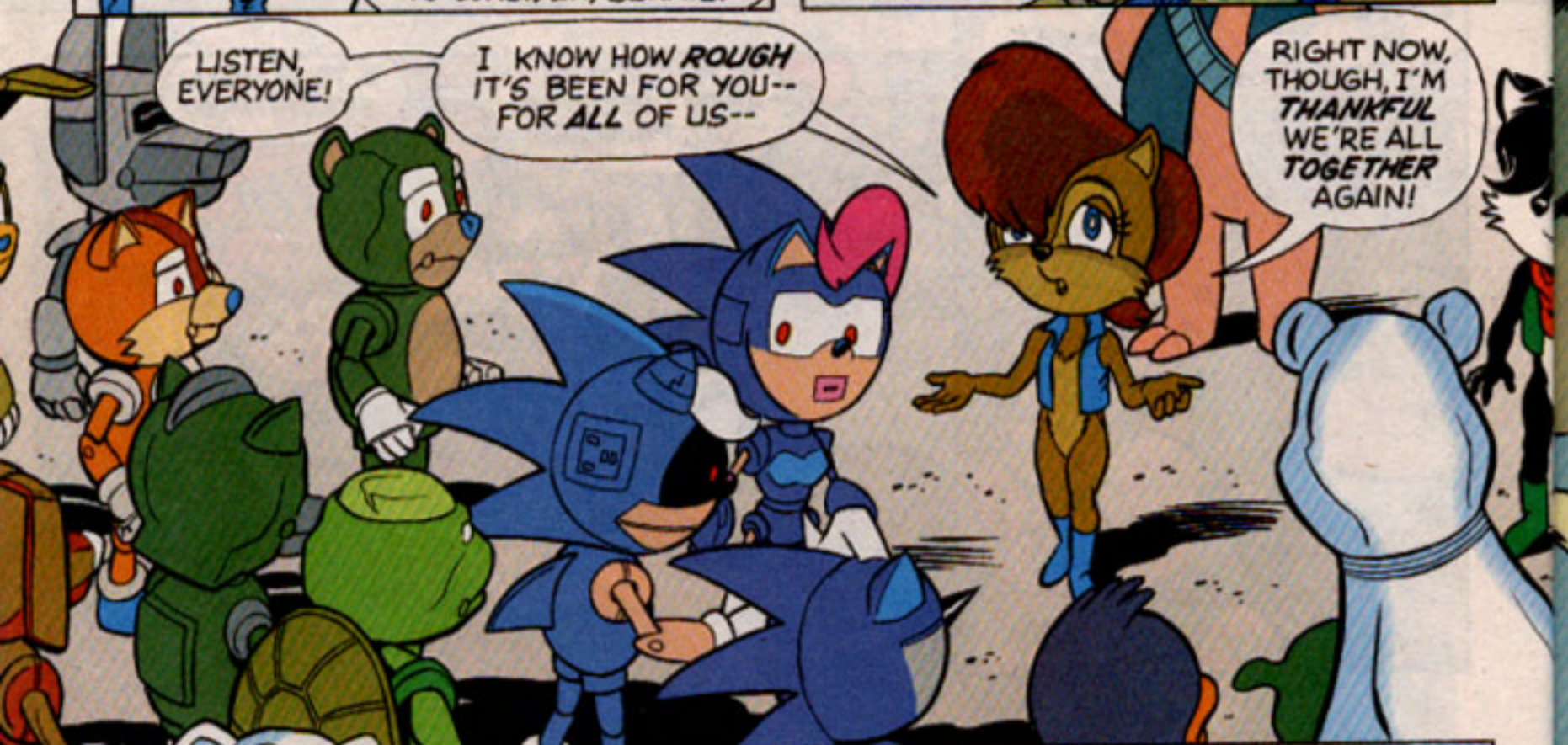
CAN IT BE--?

SO *THIS* IS WHAT YOU'VE BEEN UP TO!

I ONLY WISH SONIC *SHARED* YOUR *SENTIMENTS*!

I KNOW THEY *LOOK* LIKE US, DYLAN--

BUT AREN'T THEY STILL *ROBOTS*?



"SOME MORE
THAN *OTHERS*,
IT SEEMS!"

**HE
KNEW!**

ALL THIS
TIME--AND
HE KNEW,
TAILS!!

HE SHOULD
HAVE *TOLD* ME
MY *PARENTS*
WERE *ALIVE*!

HE HAD
NO RIGHT TO
KEEP IT A
SECRET!

HE TOLD
ME THEY WERE
CASUALTIES
OF *WAR*--

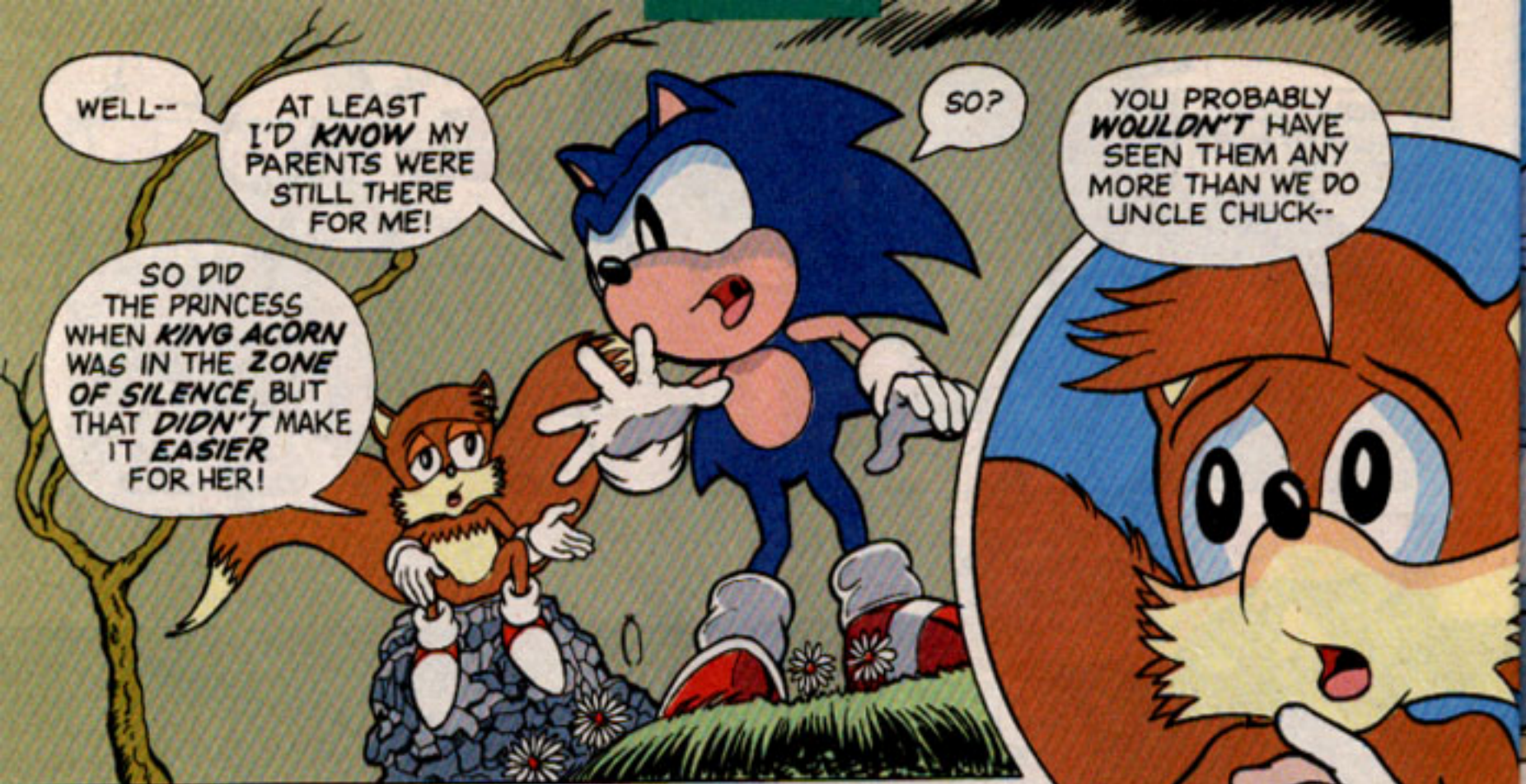
--AND
ALL THIS TIME
MY PARENTS
WERE *LIVING* UNDER
ROBOTROPOLIS!

THEY *WERE*
CASUALTIES,
SONIC!

LAST I SAW
THEY LOOKED
ROBOTICIZED
TO ME!

IF
UNCLE CHUCK
HAD TOLD YOU
THE *FULL*
TRUTH--

WHAT
WOULD BE
DIFFERENT?



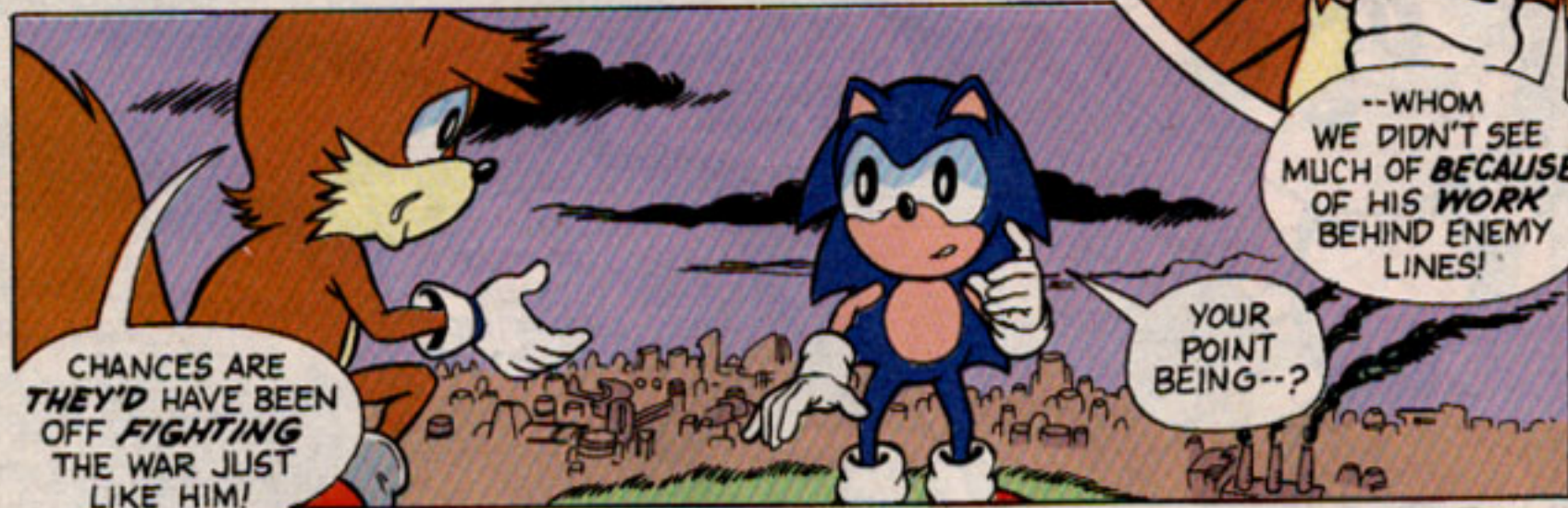
WELL--

AT LEAST
I'D *KNOW* MY
PARENTS WERE
STILL THERE
FOR ME!

SO DID
THE PRINCESS
WHEN *KING ACORN*
WAS IN THE *ZONE*
OF *SILENCE*, BUT
THAT *DIDN'T* MAKE
IT *EASIER*
FOR HER!

SO?

YOU PROBABLY
WOULDN'T HAVE
SEEN THEM ANY
MORE THAN WE DO
UNCLE CHUCK--



CHANCES ARE
THEY'D HAVE BEEN
OFF *FIGHTING*
THE WAR JUST
LIKE HIM!

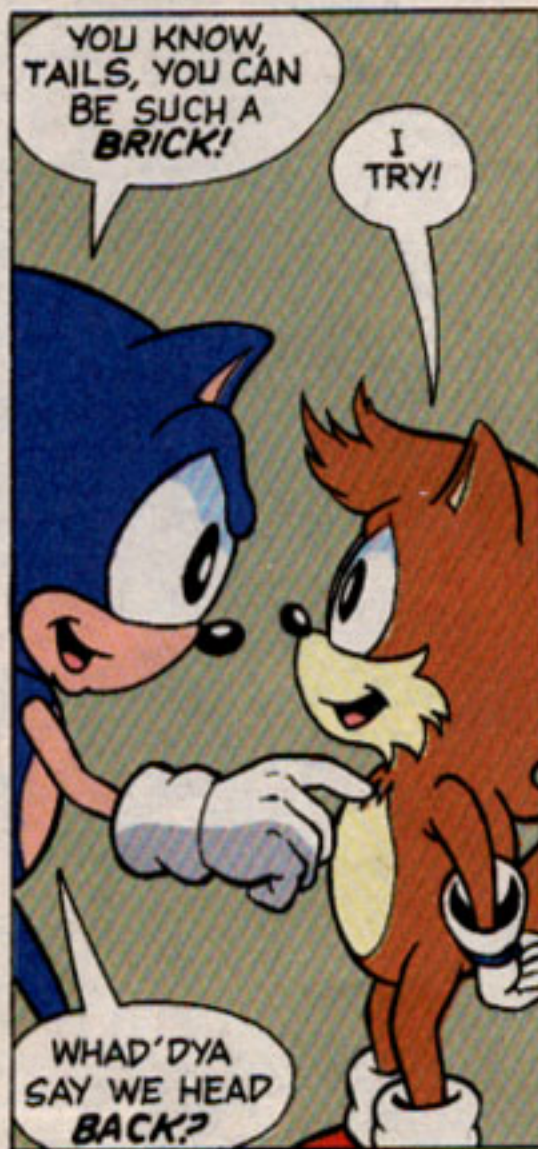
--WHOM
WE DIDN'T SEE
MUCH OF *BECAUSE*
OF HIS *WORK*
BEHIND ENEMY
LINES!

YOUR
POINT
BEING--?



UNCLE CHUCK PROBABLY
SAW WHAT AUNT SALLY WENT
THROUGH OVER HER FATHER,
AND THOUGHT HE WAS DOING
YOU A *FAVOR* BY NOT
TELLING!

WHATEVER HIS *REASONS*,
UNCLE CHUCK DID WHAT HE
DID BECAUSE HE *LOVES*
YOU!



YOU KNOW,
TAILS, YOU CAN
BE SUCH A
BRICK!

I
TRY!

WHAD'DYA
SAY WE HEAD
BACK?

WAAAY
COOL,
SONIC!

LATER, THAT EVENING...

I NEVER
THOUGHT I'D
SAY THIS,
NICOLE---

-- BUT THE
SITUATION IS
HOPELESS!

WE'RE
BETTER OFF
REBUILDING
ELSEWHERE
THAN TRYING
TO *RESTORE*
MOBOTROPOLIS
TO ITS *FORMER*
SELF!

I DON'T THINK
YOU'VE FULLY
EXPLORED ALL
YOUR OPTIONS,
SALLY!

THE *MOTHER*
BOX IS RIGHT,
LUV!

THERE
ARE *ALWAYS*
ALTERNATIVES!

GEOFFREY!

AT YOUR
SERVICE!

IN NEED
OF A *FRIEND*
TONIGHT?

MORE
THAN
EVER!

WELL,
THEN---

I'M
JUST
YOUR
MATE!

YOU'LL
ALWAYS BE
A *FRIEND*
GEOFFREY--

--HOWEVER,
IF YOU'RE
IMPLYING
BEYOND
THAT--

--I'M AFRAID
I *CAN'T* ACCEPT!

MEANING?

I KNOW THERE'S
SOMETHING BETWEEN
US, GEOFFREY--

-- BUT I ALSO
KNOW THAT MY
HEART BELONGS
TO **SONIC**!

I CAN'T GO
FORWARD UNTIL
I KNOW WHAT I
HAVE!

DO YOU
UNDER-
STAND?

NOT
REALLY!

THAT'S
OKAY!

AS LONG
AS I DO!

YOUR
LOSS,
LUV!

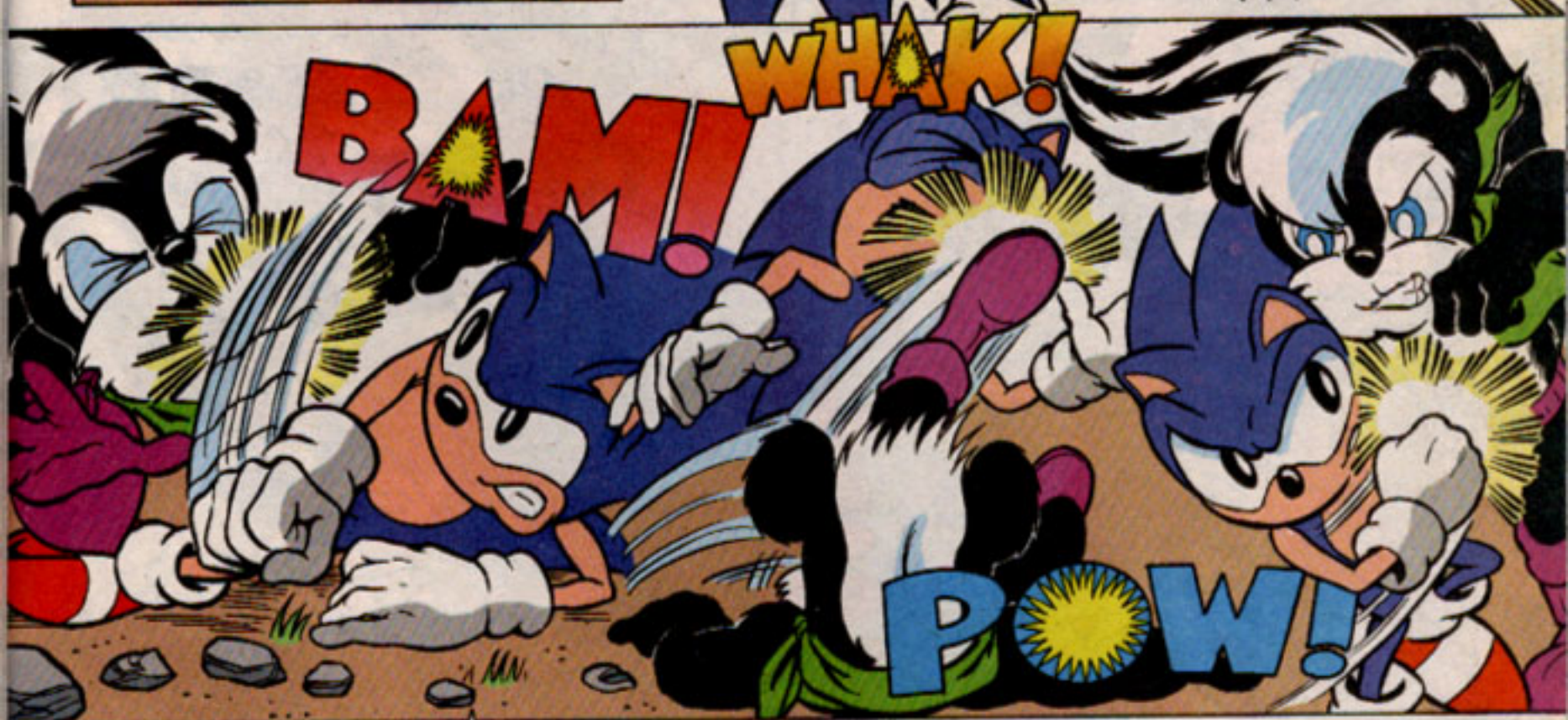
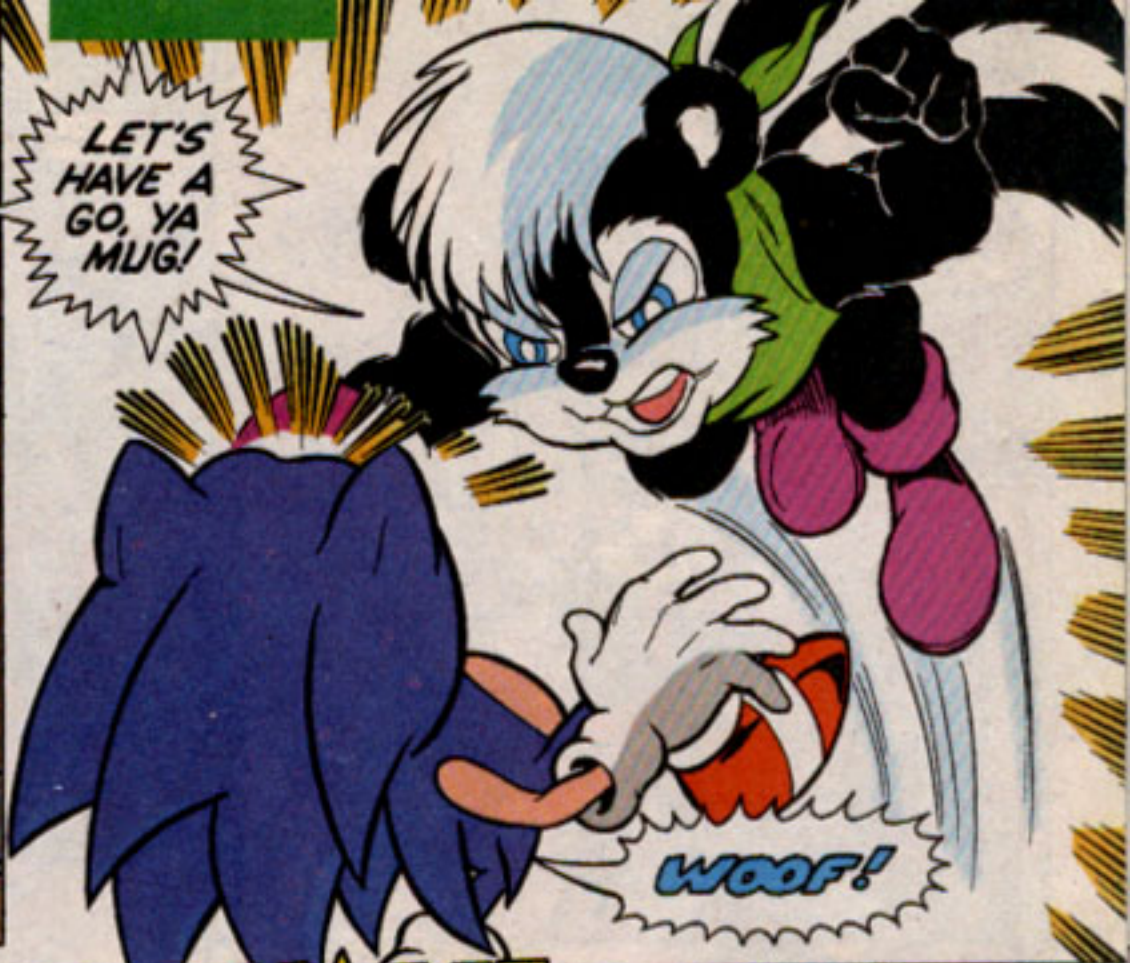
IS IT
NOW,
"LUV"?

SONIC!

WE WERE
JUST **CHATTING**
ABOUT YOU,
MATE--

ST.
JOHN--

**I'M
NOT YOUR
"MATE"!**





I BELIEVE I KNOW JUST ZE THING, PRIN-CESS!

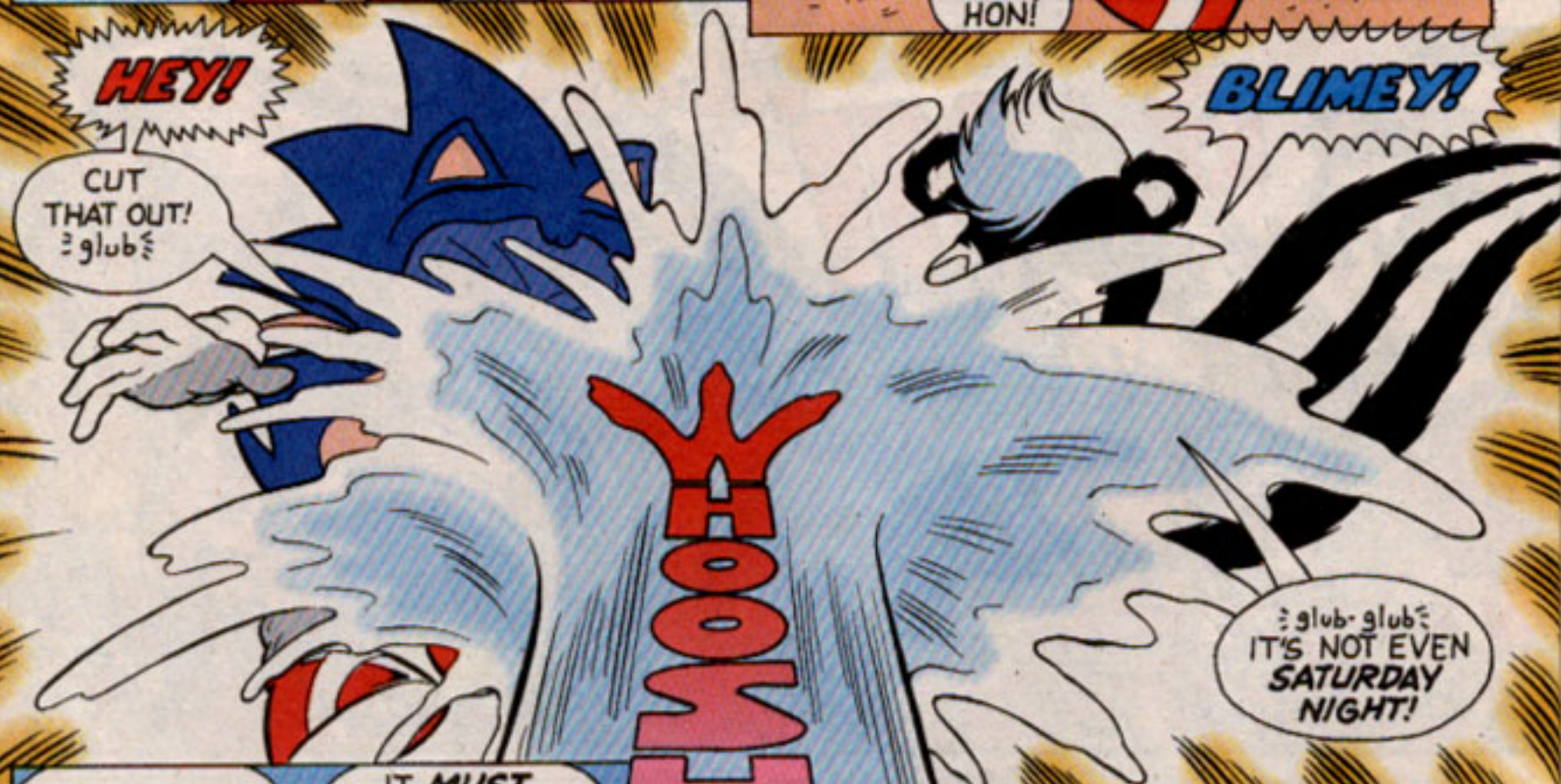
HERE, BUNNIE! TAKE ZIS!

WHATEVER Y'ALL NEED, SU-GAH!



ZIS SHOULD REALLY-- 'OW YOU ZAY-- DAMPEN ZER SPIRITS!

BIG TIME, HON!

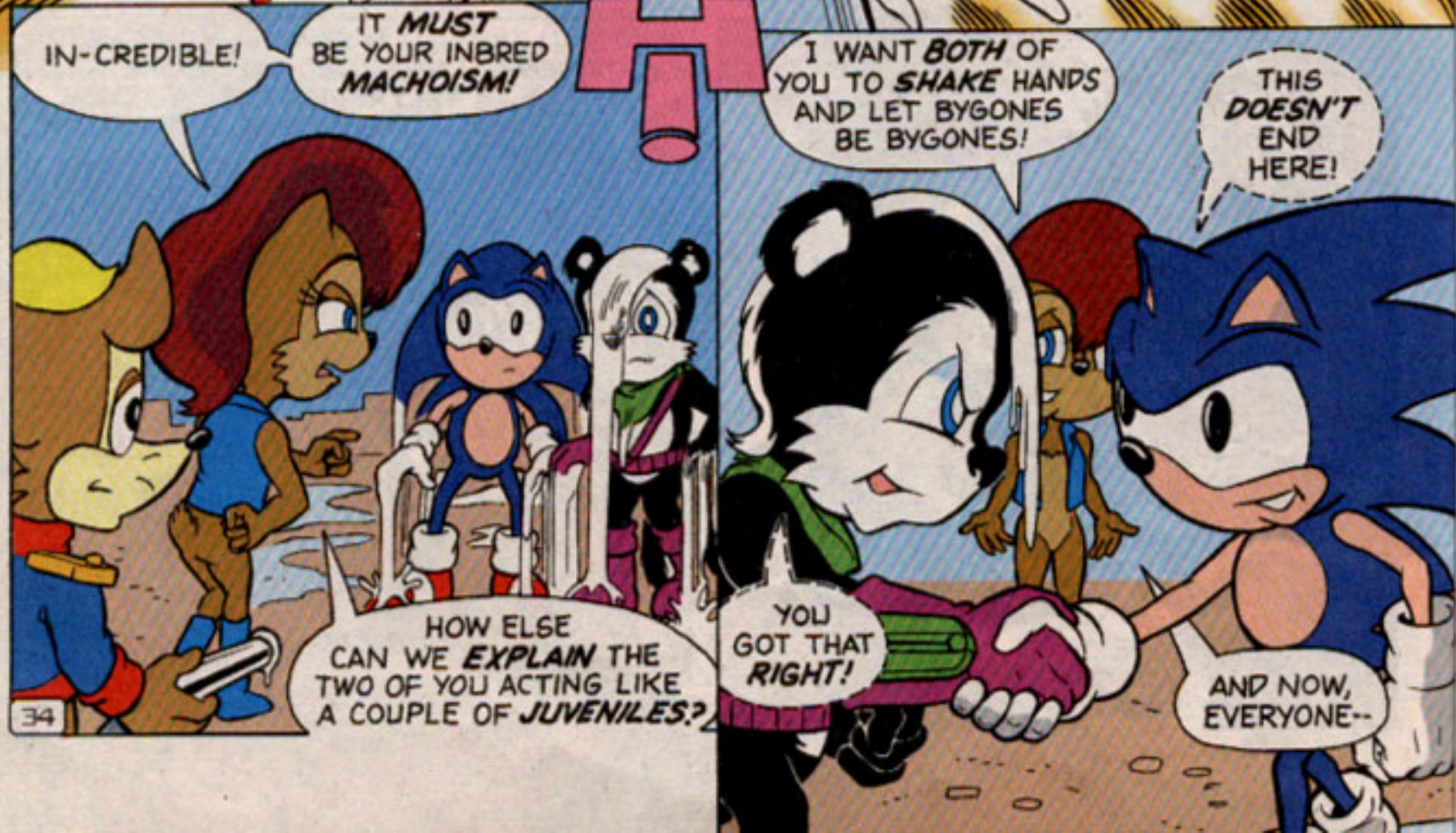


HEY!

CUT THAT OUT!
glub

BLIMEY!

glub-glub
IT'S NOT EVEN SATURDAY NIGHT!



IN-CREDIBLE!

IT *MUST* BE YOUR INBRED MACHOISM!

I WANT *BOTH* OF YOU TO *SHAKE* HANDS AND LET BYGONES BE BYGONES!

THIS *DOESN'T* END HERE!

HOW ELSE CAN WE *EXPLAIN* THE TWO OF YOU ACTING LIKE A COUPLE OF *JUVENILES*?

YOU GOT THAT *RIGHT*!

AND NOW, EVERYONE--

-- I SAY WE CALL IT A NIGHT.

I CAN'T HELP BUT THINK IT MIGHT BE BETTER IF EVERYONE KNEW **YOU** WERE IN **COMMAND, DADDY!**

NONSENSE, SALLY! FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND, YOU'RE DOING A **SPLENDID** JOB!

FOR NOW, **NO ONE** MUST FIND OUT, SALLY--

--ESPECIALLY YOUR **FRIENDS!**

BUT **WHY, DADDY?**

I HAVE MY **REASONS**, AND YOU HAVE YOUR **ORDERS!**

NOW, CARRY THEM OUT!

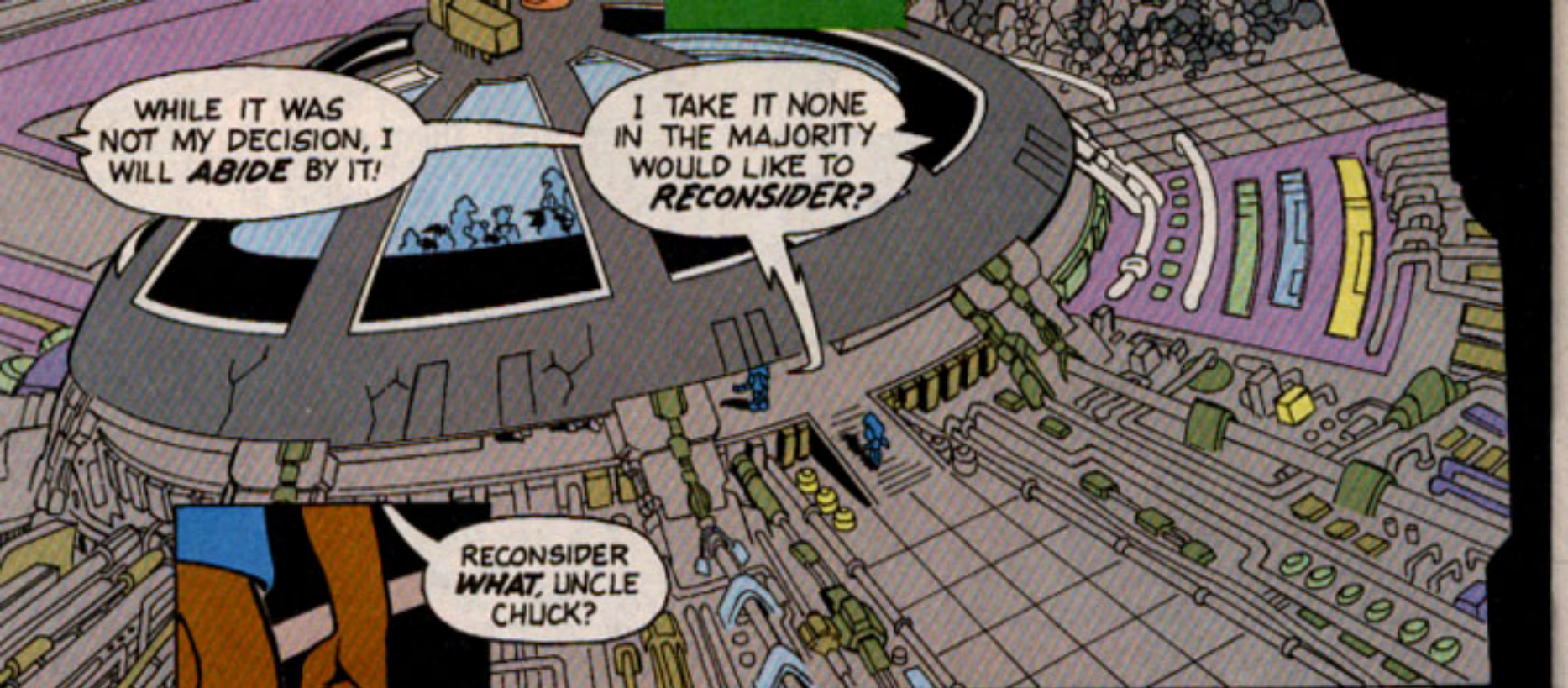
THIS **ISN'T** RIGHT, NICOLE!

NOR IS IT THE **FIRST** TIME YOU'VE KEPT **SECRETS** FROM SONIC AND YOUR FRIENDS!*

SUCH ARE THE **BURDENS** OF **COMMAND!**

ACORN OUT!

* NICOLE IS TALKING ABOUT SALLY'S SECRET OF KNUCKLES AND THE FLOATING ISLAND--JFG



WHILE IT WAS NOT MY DECISION, I WILL **ABIDE** BY IT!

I TAKE IT NONE IN THE MAJORITY WOULD LIKE TO **RECONSIDER**?



RECONSIDER **WHAT**, UNCLE CHUCK?



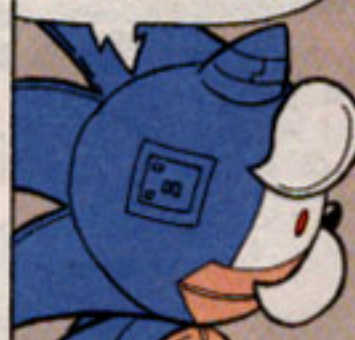
WE TOOK A **VOTE**, PRINCESS!



FOR NOW, WE BELIEVE IT'S IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE **ROBOTICIZED MOBIANS** TO START OUR OWN **COLONY**!



BUT **WHY**? YOU'RE MORE THAN **WELCOME** TO JOIN US!



THEY'RE NOT SO SURE THAT'S **TRUE**, PRINCESS!



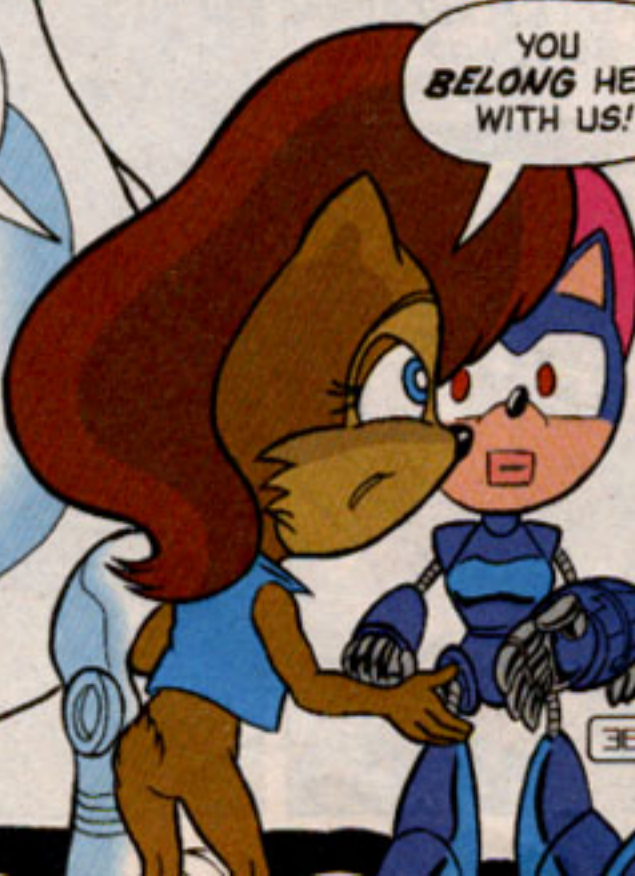
ALREADY, WE'VE OVERHEARD WHISPERS AMONG **YOUR KIND**!



OUR **KIND**?!



YOU'RE OUR FATHERS AND MOTHERS, OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!



YOU **BELONG** HERE WITH US!



I LOOK AROUND, PRINCESS...

"--AND I WOULD HAVE TO *DISAGREE!*"



--AND THAT *SHOULD* DO IT!



AL-RIIIGHT!

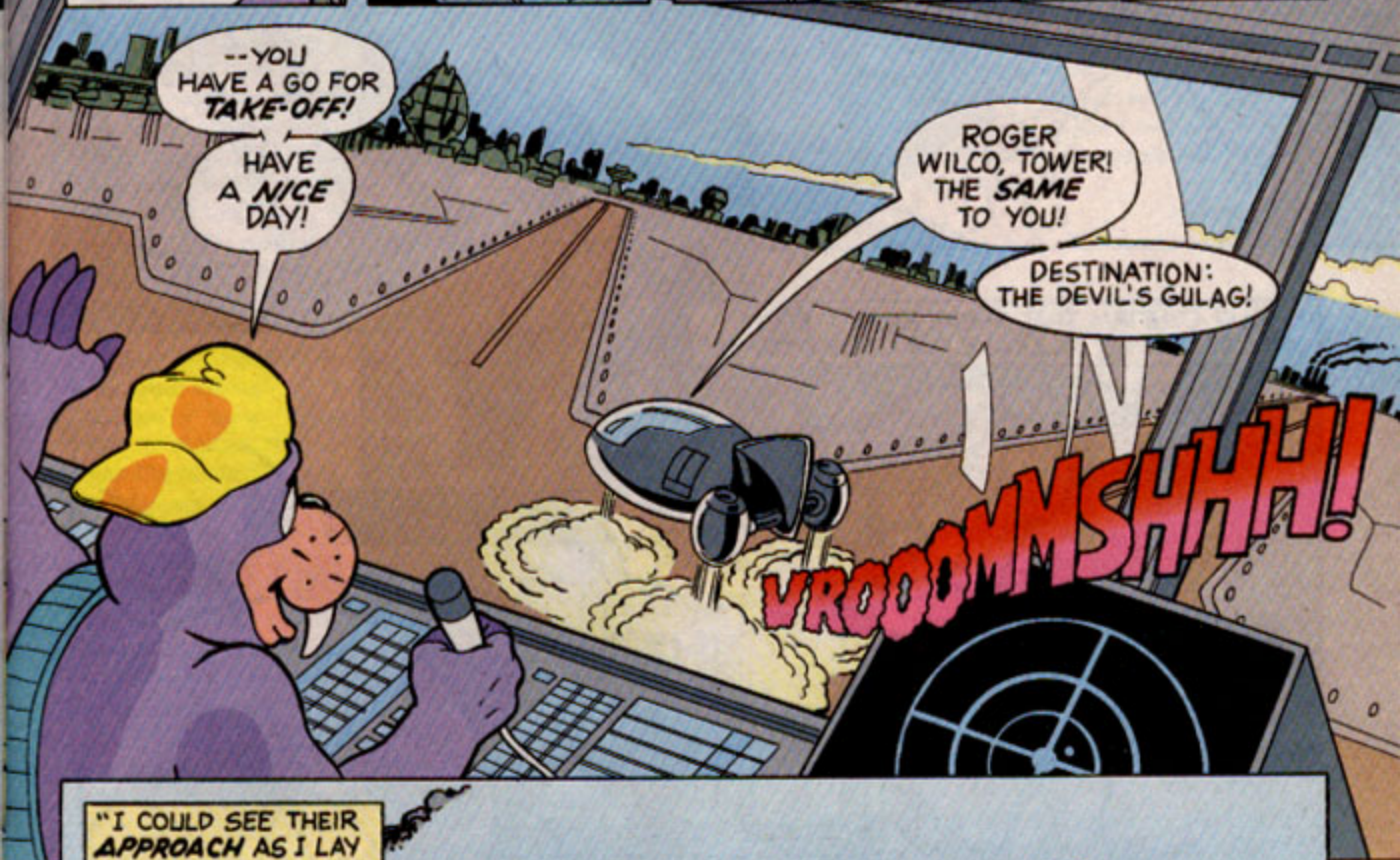


--YOU HAVE A GO FOR *TAKE-OFF!*

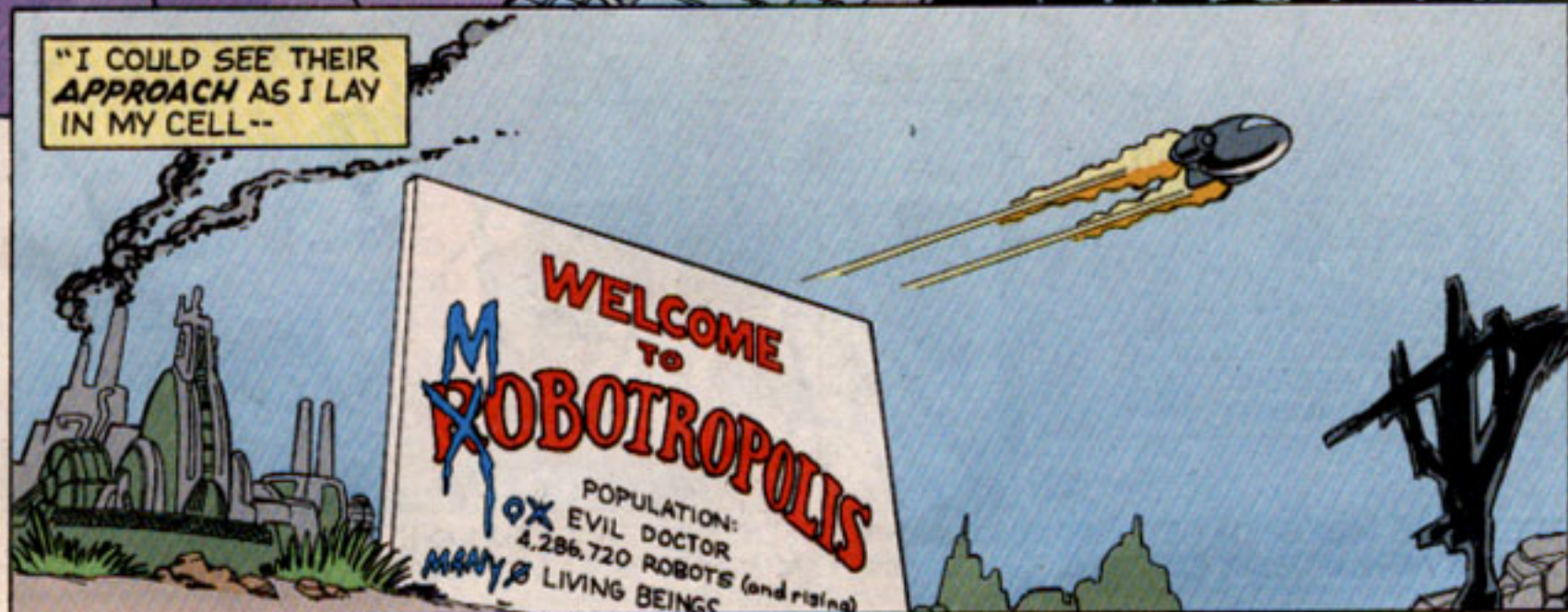
HAVE A *NICE* DAY!

ROGER WILCO, TOWER! THE *SAME* TO YOU!

DESTINATION: THE DEVIL'S GULAG!



"I COULD SEE THEIR *APPROACH* AS I LAY IN MY CELL--



"--JUST AS I COULD FEEL THE ROAR OF THE ENGINES WHEN THEIR CRAFT LANDED."

"NOW THAT *ROBOTNIK* IS GONE AND I'M STUCK DEEP IN THIS REOPENED DUNGEON, THEY THINK THEY'RE *SAFE!*"

"ALL THEY DO NOW IS COME ONCE A WEEK TO CHECK ON US..."

"MAKE CERTAIN WE HAVE *FOOD AND WATER*--"

"--AND CONFIRM THAT THERE HASN'T BEEN ANY ATTEMPTS TO LEAVE OUR LITTLE *UTOPIA!*"

WHEN THE TIME IS RIGHT--

"LET THEM BELIEVE WHAT THEY WANT!"

--IS THE TIME I'LL STRIKE!

THE STAGE HAS BEEN SET. THE CURTAIN HAS RISEN. NOW THAT YOU HAVE ENTERED *SONIC'S BRAVE NEW WORLD*, CONTINUE THE JOURNEY IN *SONIC #53*, AS THINGS GET WILDER STILL!

FAN ART

SONIC

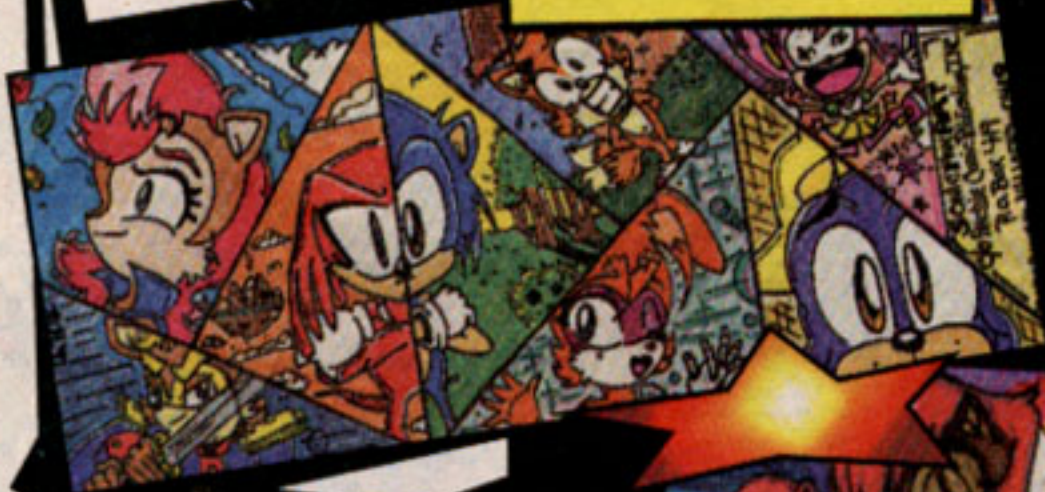


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DANIELLE HARDY
DETROIT, MI
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In three weeks:

Knuckles and Sonic... friends? This one must be read. Written and inked by Ken Penders. Penciled by Art Mawhinney. And if you thought that was all the surprises we had in store for you — there's more! Like the return of Robotnik's mentor, **Warlord Kodos** and the 'supposed' creator of the **Zone of Silence**, wizard extraordinaire, **Ixis Naugus!** Written by Karl Bollers. Art by Sam Maxwell and Pam Eklund. **SONIC #53 on sale mid-September '97!**

On other Mobian news...

In four weeks: To meet the demands of those seeking the hard-to-find issues, we're happy to present this special collection featuring Sonic comic "firsts!" Included in this slick volume are: "Don't Cry For Me, Mobius!": The first Archie-produced Sonic comic story, originally published in both **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #0** and the **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #1/4** ashcan! "Rabbit Deployment": The first comic book appearance of Bunnie Rabbit from **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #31**! "Lizard of Odd": The first time in comics that Sonic is transformed into Super Sonic, from **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #41**! "This Island Hedgehog": The first comic book appearance of Knuckles, originally presented in **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #131**! Get **"SONIC THE HEDGEHOG: FIRSTS"** when its out or forever hold your peace.

And in six weeks: KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA #7 hits the stands sporting a new letters page name **with the name of the person who 'thunk' it up!** It also marks the return of everybody's favorite echidna villain... **Enerjak!** And he's not alone in the form of **The Dark Legion!** Hold on to your hats **Rad Red fans**, this is one for the record books. Brought to you by Ken Penders, Manny Galan and Andrew Pepoy. As you can see, the "Dark Vengeance" storyline will be personified by our traditional triple-combo covers by fan-fave Pat Spaziante, along with pencil assist by Manny Galan and inks by Ken Penders. Don't forget about Heroic Age with the hand on the cover color wheel.



BONUS:

Here is Jim Burman Jr.'s 1978 Ford Bronco 4x4, AKA: The Sonic Mobile!

Dear Sonic-Grams,

I finally got SONIC LIVE! #1! Guess what? I have a book store that carries Sonic comics! Now I can subscribe to my regular Sonic fix and buy issues at the store when I want extra copies. Oh, happy days are here again! So now I know how Yuji Naka thought up a miracle as great as Sonic... he watched the prototype in "The Last Game Cartridge Hero!" (Just kidding.) It was way cool to see Larry Lynx and Cyril The Eagle again in "The Substitute Freedom Fighters!" KnucklesQuest 2 was a special treat with Spaz art. One question: Is Merlin Prower related to Miles "Tails" Prower? Thanks for reading my letter and don't ever stop making Sonic comics!!! Sonic- cerebly,

Green Gibbon!
Church Point, LA

Blue is back, big time! Invading the most obscure stores in the world so that YOU can read it. Happy days ARE here again. Mr. Gibbon liked SONIC LIVE! #1 as I hope the rest of you did. You keep reading our series and specials, we'll keep making them. As to your one question: that is a mystery best served another day.

Dear Knuckles,

Hi! My name is Joseph. I am six years old in the first grade and I just starting to read and write. I love everything that's Sonic: from the TV show to your games, to your clothing, to your toys, to your meatballs, to your comics! Hopefully I will get Sonic 3-D Blast for my birthday... and after reading the comic book, I want it even more! I really loved SONIC BLAST Special #1. My favorite part in the comic is where the Flickie Bird grabs the Chaos Emerald out from Robotnik's hand.

Joseph Kielar (age 6)
Kingston, PA

Hey, now that's the ticket. Live, breathe and eat Sonic. Wow! You da' man. So, how did you make out on your birthday? Let me know. Thanks for the compliment on SONIC BLAST #1. Keep reading... and not just my comics but other way cool books, too. Catch you on the speedway.

Look for my next Super Special coming soon to a store near you.



Dear Sonic Notes,

SONIC Vs. KNUCKLES: BATTLE ROYAL Special #1 was awesome, story and art! Sam Maxwell did a great job on almost all the characters. (Either Sally was holding Archimedes too tight, or his head was drawn way too big. It might be both.) I always liked Knuckles' Chaotix the game and my two favorite to control (not by hypnotism like Mammoth Mogul or the Enchantress from KnucklesQuest 3) are Espio and Mighty. Sally had a secret friendship going on with Knuckles and now it seems that Sonic has one with one of Knuckles' best buds, Mighty! This is what I call fair play.

Heather Solomon
ngsolo@juno.com

Glad you enjoyed the first Sonic Super Special of the year! BATTLE ROYAL wasn't just a job, it was an adventure until Mammoth Mogul and his 'Dullsome' Foresome had to ruin our good time. But let's let bygones be bygones, eh? As far as Archy getting the squeeze from Sally, he was pretending so Mammoth (who was hiding behind the scenes) wouldn't figure out they were working together.



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